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To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor of the City of Pepper Pike, a southeastern suburban community of Cleveland, Ohio, I write to commend to your attention Ms. Sandy Baker.

Ms. Baker came to our community recently to give two programs on "How to Deer-Proof Your Garden." Both programs were standing-room only, and the feedback I received from a number of residents ranged from highly complimentary to very enthusiastic. I attended one of the programs, and frankly, I have never seen an hour and a half go so quickly. Her presentation was lively, balanced, well-organized, very interesting, utilizing good examples to bolster her points, and delivered in a factual, informative manner. While she approaches this issue from the aspect of seeking to help save deer, and at the same time saving gardens, she does not come through as an activist, or a strong advocate for a particular point of view.

No matter which point of view one may have on strongly favoring deer culling or equally strongly opposing deer culling, Ms. Baker's presentation provides helpful insight on dealing with this sensitive issue in a constructive and meaningful manner.

I came away very impressed and very pleased that Pepper Pike invited her to come here, and gratified that we were able to enlist the support of four other neighboring suburban mayors to co-sponsor the event with us.

In a word, I highly commend Sandy Baker to you, and I know that you will not be disappointed in her presentation and the results from it. I would be happy to answer any questions about this, or provide any further details.

Bruce H. Akers,
Mayor