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Dear Editor:

There is an occasional opportunity to recognize a special individual and community leader. I am pleased to share my perspectives and support of Mary Samide, Geauga County Commissioner. My association with Mary Samide has extended more than a decade through an active collaboration for advancing community interests.

I enthusiastically endorse Commissioner Samide in her pursuit to seek re-election, as a Geauga County Commissioner for it is a clear manifestation of her capabilities and effective leadership in public service. She has been one of the strongest advocates for building a sustainable County based on the principles of quality of life and family values.

Commissioner Mary Samide has exhibited consistent and measurable results during her tenure. A few of her many accomplishments are noteworthy of mention: A balanced County budget, prudent Geauga County investment projects, advocacy for economic development and job creation, attainment of one of the lowest unemployment rates in the State of Ohio ranging between five and six percent and a new state-of-the-art Safety Center using sound fiscal practices. In addition, she is the one of the founding members of the Geauga Growth Partnership, a business led organization; an active Advisory Board member of the Kent State University Geauga Regional Campus and a champion of community partnerships.

Being a highly motivated leader, Commissioner Samide leads by a nurturing style. She has a sincere desire to advance community leadership excellence both in the public and private sector. Her approach to strategic and operational planning follows the principles of engagement with the utmost of professionalism. Mary Samide's appreciation and support for community entrepreneurship reflects her own business that she successfully established as founder and President of an Information Technology firm. Outstanding too, are her communication and interpersonal skills which she readily demonstrates at all constituent levels. Commissioner Samide is truly a difference maker with a strong focus on creating added benefit to Geauga County. I regard her as a passionate "team builder and a team player" which is a hallmark standard for others in or seeking public office to emulate

Through my experience as a former health care executive and currently serving as an executive consultant, I firmly believe that Mary Samide has the "right stuff" for success. It is without reservation that I wholeheartedly support her bid for re-election as Geauga County Commissioner for another term. Her record of success, transparency, trust and passion for Geauga County makes her the right choice.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these comments about Mary Samide—A top quality leader.

Sincerely,

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