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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to express our strong support for Imagine Foundry and its growing partnership with UC Makerspace. This initiative represents an exciting and much-needed investment in the future of our region. Imagine Foundry has already demonstrated its value to the community through hands-on learning, STEAM education, and opportunities for children and families to explore creativity. With the addition of UC Makerspace as a partner, this vision expands even further bringing in a community kitchen and advanced maker tools to serve adults, small businesses, artisans, and entrepreneurs. Together, this collaboration will offer resources, training, and opportunities that strengthen both workforce development and community vitality in the Upper Cumberland. We are particularly encouraged by the vision outlined in the Imagine Foundry/UC Makerspace business plan. This combination of educational programming, creative industries, and community engagement will not only inspire innovation but also attract new talent and investment to Putnam County. The Chamber is proud to stand alongside this effort and looks forward to seeing the positive impact it will bring to our local economy and quality of life. We strongly encourage support for Imagine Foundry and UC Makerspace as they continue building toward their next phase. This project will help position the Upper Cumberland as a leader in creativity, entrepreneurship, and collaborative community development.

Sincerely,

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