Dear friends, neighbors, alumni and supporters of Knoll Farm,

For many of you, the news that we are looking for the new stewards of this land, which has been our life and home for the past 25 years, where we've made community with all of you, will come as a surprise and perhaps a concern. We want you to know that we've been anticipating and planning for this transition for three years. Still, change can be unsettling, and we know many of you have your own relationship with this place. So, this letter is to explain more about the personal side of the story, not how we'll be doing it but why, and what we're up to.

When we first started dreaming about coming to Knoll Farm in 2000, we were looking for more than a home. We were designing a refuge for people who are defending land justice to come together. For all this time, we have not only farmed here but lived in the midst of a very dynamic nonprofit with all of its staff and programs and fellows, shared our house with colleagues and our kitchen with board members, and we have hosted thousands of strangers, many of whom have become friends. And although it is also where we have raised our kids and worked really hard year-round, it is as much a public space now as it is our home, intentionally so. Many of you have stepped up to help us broaden our reach and our impact in land justice by donating not just to our nonprofit but to the renovation of two barns and the building of a concert stage. Our greatest desire is to honor all of the community support we've been given by preserving this as a community space, a hillside that produces food and a place that gives people who are working hard to make the world a kinder place a touchstone and a safe harbor.

The simplest, most elegant and, most importantly, most powerful way we can think to do this is to give the farm away. We do this to provide opportunity for others, and also because we don't believe in personally profiting from this farm's real estate increase in value, but rather to find a way to place that value back into the community by turning the land over to a nonprofit that will continue to do good things here and provide access to the public.

Finally, be assured that we will be fully present and doing everything we have always done here at the farm for the next two years. We have two requests of you: most importantly that you will support us and give us space to focus on enjoying and manifesting our next two years here, and, later on, to share your

stories that we will use to help us celebrate our time here at events that will happen toward the end of 2027.

Starting sometime in 2028, we know we will find a creative next chapter waiting for us, and we anticipate being ready for a change. We are not so much leaving the land as leaving the work of keeping the complex enterprise of Knoll Farm going. We will stay in this community but be seeking something simpler and quieter for ourselves; we will also stepping into our elderhood, ready to mentor those who come next. Our daughters, too, are incredibly independent, creative, grounded young women who are in support of our plan, and will be helping us as much as we help them to navigate all the changes to come.

We are grateful.

Helen and Peter

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