



# State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

May 6, 2019

Dear Northern Border Regional Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the application for the North Conway Public Library. They are requesting grant support of their needed building expansion and renovation project.

The North Conway Public Library is the little library that could! It is a 501C3 that has been serving the Conway community since the late 1800s from a beautiful granite building in the heart of North Conway Village.

I'm sure, as you do your due diligence in determining awards, you will see that this organization already provides a broad array of reading, education and community services that benefit all our residents from kids to older adults.

Should you support this much-needed request from the NCPL, it will help propel the library into providing more community access to more library services expanding its impact throughout our valley. As I suspect you have already learned, this expansion will add:

- Conference Room (20 people)
- Community Room (49 people)
- Reading Rooms (2)
- Expanded Children's & Teen Areas
- State-of-the-Art Technology
- Elevator
- ADA Compliant Restrooms

As well as the addition of the needed space, new technology & ADA compliance, the project, when completed will provide:

- Free high-speed Internet, which will
  - Help bridge the digital divide
  - Help with job searches
  - Help with job applications
  - Help students with homework
- Increased library hours will result in higher hours/wages for library staff and new jobs
- Expanded library will attract more visitors who in turn will visit neighboring businesses
- The public meeting room will be available for start-up and established businesses in the area to use
- Laptops to borrow for taking online classes
- Educational programs will be offered in community room (technology classes, job prep, tax prep)
- Bigger library will need more volunteers; their involvement will "enhance their confidence, skills and levels of employability." (American Library Association)
- Conference Room will be available for local business meetings

I hope you will support the request of this important & vital community library. Please let me know if I can provide further information in support of this application.

*Representative Ed Butler*

Carroll County District 7 - includes the towns of Hart's Location, Bartlett, Jackson, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Albany, Tamworth, Madison, Freedom and the unincorporated Hale's Location

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