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Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)  
James Cleveland Federal Building, Suite 1201  
53 Pleasant Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

To Whom it May Concern:

As Director of the *Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council* I am pleased to provide a 100% support for the North Conway Public Library's Building Expansion & Renovation. The library, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and is asking \$250,000 from NBRC. The planned 6,600-square-foot addition will nearly double the size of the existing building in downtown North Conway Village, Main Street, and become a modern state-of-the-art library in a magnificent historic building. The expansion will add much needed space. Renovations and the addition of an elevator will bring the building up to code and make it ADA compliant. The addition will mirror the architectural beauty of the historic building.

*Economic Impact:* Construction (estimated at \$2.3 M) will lead to increased work for local businesses. The new addition will provide a positive impact on the community by providing the following services: Free high-speed Internet, helps with job searches, helps with job applications, helps business development (writing business plans, finding investors, marketing), expanded library hours will attract more visitors who in turn will visit neighboring businesses, and free, public meeting room for start-up and established businesses in the area to use, just to name a few of the added benefits from the Library expansion.

Respectfully,

John A. Cuddy, Executive Director

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