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Dear Northern Border Regional Commission,

I enthusiastically write this letter of support on behalf of the North Conway Public Library to secure funding for much needed expansion and renovation to the current library facility. Set in the heart of downtown North Conway, the library serves the local students, parents, and seniors within the community. Supporting local libraries, museums, and the performing arts sends a message to our society that we value education and the sharing of rich literature and information.

I have seen the value of the North Conway library to students and the school community first hand. Young reader programs, tutoring, research and access to technology provide equitable access to the students in the community. The library is also host to many tourists and their families when visiting the heart of Mount Washington Valley. Whether researching for school related projects or finding a quiet place to read about the history of the North Country, the knowledgeable library staff are willing and able to provide the valuable resources.

The North Conway Public Library is in need of some significant upgrades to transform the building to meet the requirements of today's society. The historic building is quite charming in aesthetic appearance, although undersized and without the infrastructure to meet the needs of the community. The proposed addition of conference rooms, reading rooms, technology infrastructure upgrades and ADA compliance issues will greatly enhance the current conditions while maintaining architectural consistency and value.

There is great community support for the North Conway Public Library, and already committed donations will complement the financial request from the Northern Border Regional Commission to make this endeavor possible.

It would be an investment in the North Conway Community to help financially support the necessary improvements to the public library.

Respectfully,



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