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Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to support the North Conway Public Library of North Conway, New Hampshire in its application for an economic and infrastructure development grant. Public libraries like the North Conway Public Library are anchor institutions in their communities. The NCPL serves that role exceptionally well; located in the heart of the community and serving as a hub for information, communication and interaction it is well positioned to enhance the economic development of North Conway. The town leaders both elected and citizens have recognized this fact and have pledged to enhance the library by expanding it dramatically. As you see in the application to the NBRC, the library is not only doubling its footprint, it has developed a plan for the building that will use both the existing space and the new space to enhance to its use. In new and exciting ways meeting space to hold gatherings, meetings and planning sessions for business and civic groups will now be possible. Spaces designed for these purposes and not carved out of existing space will be a draw for lots of people in the greater North Conway area.

This is a big project if completed as planned with a construction cost of \$3.2 million dollars it will be one of the largest library renovations in New Hampshire. A building like this sited where it is could have a profound impact on the community. This project shows tremendous vision on the part of the citizens of North Conway. There will clearly be an impact on the economy while the extensive renovations are being done but the long-term impact of a building like this in the heart of the community will be dramatic of this you can be sure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael York".

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