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A. David Hamill, Mayor
City of Ranson
312 S. Mildred St
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RE: Support for Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program

Dear Mayor,

I am writing today to offer my organization's support for the City of Ranson's Brownfield Area-wide Planning Pilot Program. As a tourism based organization, we have been impressed with the progress made thus far toward the revitalization of vacant factories and the dilapidated housing that surround them. Specifically the creation of the Civic Center in what was once an abandoned warehouse and a park where old houses in need of major repair once stood. Additionally, we feel that the City has shown real leadership in tackling this long-standing problem and believe that another round of United States Environmental Protection Agency funding would enable you to continue the progress made to date.

I would also like to offer support for the City's comprehensive approach towards restoring the economic prosperity of these former industrial areas. Often, closed factories are seen as the only problem without considering the economic decline of the adjacent neighborhoods. It is our understanding that this grant will enable you to continue your efforts to identify barriers to redevelopment throughout our core, not just on single parcels. Our group sincerely values redevelopment in our urban core, so we see the City as a valued partner in this endeavor. We intend to use these improvements to promote tourism as an economic engine in Ranson.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input into your proposal for a United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Area-wide Planning Pilot Program. If you should be so fortunate as to receive another round of funding, please be assured that the Ranson CVB is committed to participating as a community stakeholder in this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl D. Mills".

Cheryl D. Mills,
Executive Director