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May 26, 2010

A. David Hamill, Mayor
City of Ranson
312 S. Mildred St.
Ranson, WV 25438

Dear Mayor Hamill,

The City of Ranson's Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program has my complete support. I have been impressed with the progress made thus far toward the revitalization of vacant factories and the dilapidated housing that surrounds them. In addition, the City has shown real leadership in tackling this longstanding problem, and I think 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 my understanding that this grant will enable you to continue your efforts to identify barriers to redevelopment throughout your core area, not just on single parcels. I value this redevelopment in the urban core.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input into your proposal for a United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Doyle".

Delegate John Doyle
57th District

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