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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3223

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Ms. Karen Utz
Regional Director
WNY Regional Economic Development Council
95 Perry Street, Suite 500
Buffalo, New York 14203-3030

Re: Village of Sherman 2024 NY Forward LOS

Dear Ms. Utz,

This letter is in strong support for the Village of Sherman's \$4.5 million NY Forward Application to the NYS Department of State for the Village of Sherman.

The NY Forward award will further energize the small rural community in its efforts to contribute to the region's community and economic strategy through attracting new residents and visitors. The all-encompassing master project includes building improvements, business development, placemaking strategies, gateways and streets infrastructure for implementation and revitalization of downtown Sherman to attract businesses, residents, and visitors.

By increasing access to the trail systems, new retail spaces to diversify the downtown's current offerings, and establishing the 'We Rock the Spectrum – Sherman' anchor business the Village of Sherman is providing amenities that serve the interest of the local community and tourists alike.

Strengthening our small rural communities through established and proven ecotourism and agritourism development makes communities like the Village of Sherman less vulnerable to economic stressors and environmental challenges, all while in keeping with the historic character and charm of the neighborhoods.

Once again, I fully support this important grant application and the community's commitment to improving the lives of people who live and work in Chautauqua County. Please give their grant application full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations. Should you have any questions, please contact my Clarence District Office at (716) 547-6844.

Sincerely,

NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY
Member of Congress