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Hon. Colleen Meeder, Mayor  
Village of Sherman  
111 Mill Street, P.O. Box 629  
Sherman, NY 14781

**Re: Village of Sherman 2024 NY Forward**

Dear Mayor Meeder,

The Village of Sherman's \$4.5 million NY Forward Application to the NYS Department of State for the Village of Sherman has my full support.

The NY Forward award will be an all-encompassing master project providing funding for building improvements, business development, placemaking strategies, gateways and green infrastructure for implementation and revitalization of downtown Sherman to attract businesses, residents, and visitors by increasing access to the trail systems as part of the ecotourism strategy, new retail spaces to diversify the downtown's current offerings, and establishing the anchor business, We Rock the Spectrum – Sherman.

The Village of Sherman has demonstrated its capacity by completing large public infrastructure projects, first and foremost ensuring the water and wastewater utilities were sustainable for commercial and residential development. In pursuit of a stable economy under future challenges, the Village leveraged the ARPA funds and completed a Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Market Analysis, and a NYMS Building Feasibility Study that incorporated the input of all stakeholders and received support from businesses, residents, and community organizations. This led to multiple economic and community development opportunities including the NY Main Street Façade Restoration Implementation Projects, two Community Development Block Grants for Single-Family Home Rehabilitation Projects, and the award of a Mobile & Manufacturing Home Replacement Grant.

The Village of Sherman is instrumental in making Western New York a better place to live and work through such quality of life and economic development strategies. I wish you continued success with this new endeavor.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Andrew Goodell  
Member NYS Assembly