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The Honorable A. David Hamill
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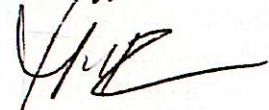
Dear Mayor Hamill:

On behalf of the Jefferson County Development Authority, I write to offer my strong support for the City of Ranson's request for the EPA's Area-Wide Brownfields Planning Pilot Program federal grant. The City has been engaged in a comprehensive effort to redevelop and revitalize our community. The grant would be additional investment in Ranson's downtown area, transforming industrial brownfields into centers of job creation, promoting sustainable development and livability.

In the past several years, Ranson has been hit hard by the declining economy. Multiple major employers have ceased operations in Ranson, costing the community several hundred jobs. To overcome these setbacks, the City has developed an ambitious strategy to not only regain these lost jobs, but to make Ranson a model for sustainable economic development that communities throughout West Virginia can emulate.

The Jefferson County Development Authority is committed to participating as a stakeholder in this program.

Sincerely,



Thomas Bayuzik, Jr.
Executive Director