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Ms. Deborah Johnson
Maine DECD
59 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

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Dear Ms. Johnson,

Paul Benjamin
Board Member

This letter is written on behalf of the Board of Directors of Rockland Main Street, Inc., [RMSI], a 501[c][3] downtown economic development engine in Rockland, which is one of ten nationally accredited Main Street Maine communities.

Brian Harden
Board Member

Our relationship with the Maine Downtown Center is important and one which provides us with valuable and ongoing technical support, allowing the City of Rockland to continue its ongoing efforts to revitalize this seaside community.

Kathleen LaBree
Board Member

The Maine Downtown Center is the critical link between RMSI and the National Main Street Center and provides us with the latest information about best practices related to maintaining the vibrancy of our downtown district. Without the solid support of the Maine Downtown Center, it would be impossible for any single community to collect the data that that organization receives and disseminates to the towns and cities involved in the Main Street Maine network.

Jason Merriam
Board Member

With the knowledge that CDBG funding to the Maine Downtown Center will be reduced in the coming year in favor of other important projects, the RMSI board of directors respectfully requests DECD to reinstate this funding in future budgets.

Frank O'Hara, Jr.
Board Member

Best personal regards,

Larry Pritchett
Board Member

Gordon Page, Sr.
Executive Director

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