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November 13, 2015
Deborah Johnson, Director
Office of Community Development
Maine Dept. of Economic and Community Development
59 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Ms. Johnson:

I was distressed to hear the news that The Department of Economic and Community Development has removed CDBG funding for the 2016 program year from the Maine Downtown Center and Downtown Revitalization Grants.

I am writing this letter of support in hopes of keeping funds available through CDBG. Our small town thrives on monies from this wonderful program to help us with projects we otherwise would not be able to accomplish. Stonington brings a lot of visitors to our great state, keeping these types of funding opportunities open for us ensures greater traffic to many different parts of Maine. It is a wonderful way to help us with things like repairing a sidewalk to our current project of expanding our public dock. This helps us make improvements for our small downtown area businesses and employees, which in turn brings more business to Maine in general.

I urge you to keep this funding available for small towns such as Stonington.

Thank you;

Elizabeth Steele

Elizabeth Steele
Economic Development Director