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October 17, 2017

Mr. Bryan Thompson
Siler City Town Manager
P.O. Box 769
Siler City, NC 27344

Dear Mr. Thompson:

On behalf of Chatham County government, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support of the Town of Siler City's application for a Brownfields Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). On October 16, 2017, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to provide a letter of support. This grant would be a tremendous asset in the economic development and recovery of Siler City, which would also augment our ability to market Siler City and the nearby CAM industrial megasite to major industries.

The Town of Siler City and the surrounding area have been most impacted by the loss of industries over the past 15 years. While some former industrial sites in the town are being redeveloped by Mountaire Farms, others will need major funding to remove or mitigate potential hazardous substances and petroleum. The county is already a strong partner with the town and the Chatham Economic Development Corporation in making major investments in potential industrial properties in and near Siler City. A grant from the EPA for brownfield redevelopment would complement these efforts.

Chatham County Commissioner Diana Hales has volunteered to serve on the Steering Committee required as part of the EPA grant. We also are eager to help the town promote related public meetings and will provide community outreach through our e-notify system and other contacts. Finally, we will provide other support as needed, including attending meetings, offering staff expertise and serving as a liaison with the full Board of Commissioners.

We are very fortunate to have a strong positive relationship between Chatham County and the Town of Siler City. Please let us know anything else that we might do to support this grant opportunity.

Sincerely,

Renee Paschal
Chatham County Manager

cc: Chatham County Board of Commissioners
Town of Siler City Mayor and Board of Commissioners