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April 21, 2025

The Honorable Valerie Foushee  
Representative for the 4<sup>th</sup> District of North Carolina  
US Capitol Room H154  
Washington, DC 20515-6601

RE: Letter of Support for the Town of Pittsboro's Community Project Funding Application

Dear Congresswoman Foushee,

On behalf of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express our strong support for the Town of Pittsboro's application for \$750,000 in Community Project Funding for its Downtown Streetscape Project. As the county seat of Chatham County, Pittsboro plays a central role in our region's civic, cultural, and economic life. This project will benefit residents, businesses, and visitors in several key ways:

1. **Economic Growth:** By improving streets, sidewalks, and other essential infrastructure, the project will help local businesses attract more customers, create jobs, and foster overall economic development.
2. **Pedestrian Safety:** Upgrades to sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting will make downtown Pittsboro safer for people of all ages and abilities, encouraging more foot traffic and community interaction.
3. **Historic Character:** Pittsboro's rich history contributes significantly to its charm. Enhancing the streetscape will preserve its historic look and feel while ensuring modernization of critical infrastructure.
4. **Community Engagement:** A more appealing and functional downtown will support events, festivals, and markets, drawing residents and visitors together and reinforcing Pittsboro's role as a welcoming destination in Chatham County.
5. **Sustainability:** By making the area more walkable, the project will help reduce traffic congestion and vehicle emissions, promoting a cleaner, healthier environment.

We respectfully request your full consideration of this application. By investing in Pittsboro's Downtown Streetscape Project, you will help strengthen the economic, cultural, and environmental well-being of Pittsboro and the greater Chatham County community.

Thank you for your time and review of this important proposal. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners is ready to work with you and the Town to ensure the success of Pittsboro's downtown.

Sincerely,

Karen Howard, Chair  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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