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Angela Belden Martinez, Regional Director
Denver Regional EDA Office
1244 Speer Boulevard, Suite 431
Denver, CO 80204

Dear Ms. Belden Martinez:

I write in support of the application by Big Sky Economic Development Authority for a grant to support the purchase and renovation of a historic building in the heart of our federally designated Opportunity Zone in Billings' downtown core, with the goal of attracting private investment, fostering entrepreneurship, and creating jobs.

Big Sky Economic Development Authority is a public-private partnership with a mission to sustain and grow the region's vibrant economy and outstanding quality of life. They host a suite of economic development services which includes the regional Small Business Development Center, State-Lead Procurement and Technical Assistance Center, the Veterans Business Outreach Center, and six other programs dedicated to serving their region.

Thank you for your attention to this application. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would also appreciate you informing my office of the eventual decision on this application.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester
United States Senator