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Meagan Cowell
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RE: Letter of Support for the Town of Ledyard's Application for a 2012 (STEAP) Grant

Dear Ms. Cowell:

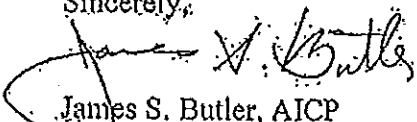
On behalf of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG), I would like to express support for the Town of Ledyard's application for a 2012 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant for its proposed streetscape and fairgrounds improvement project in Ledyard Center. The proposed project includes sidewalks, landscaping, lighting and a stage for the fairground area. The goal is to enhance the center area as a pedestrian friendly place to shop and visit.

This project is consistent with SCCOG's 2007 Regional Plan of Conservation and Development. Specifically, it is consistent with the Plan's recommendation to see revitalized the region's urban and village centers, including compact, energy efficient, transit accessible, and pedestrian-oriented mixed use development.

In summary, completion of this project can be expected to help sustain the Town's economic base, and it will have an immediate positive impact on Ledyard and surrounding communities.

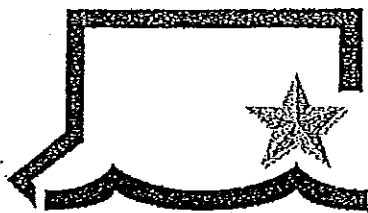
Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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30 July 2012

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RE: Letter of Support for the Town of Ledyard's Application for a 2012 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant for Town Center Improvements

Dear Ms. Cowell:

The SouthEastern CT Enterprise Region (seCTer) fully supports the Town of Ledyard's application for a 2012 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant for Streetscape and Town Green improvements in Ledyard Town Center. The enhancement and revitalization of community centers is a key goal of our State and Federal approved Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This project is identified specifically in the CEDS in Goal 5A3b, which is to "Implement the Town Center Enhancement Plan (FSP)" for the Town of Ledyard.

The project identified in this grant is an important part of that effort in Ledyard. The FSP was developed several years ago with considerable input and support from members of the Community. Its implementation is something that is both desirable and desired, and is imminently doable. The completion will make Ledyard's center an attractive and safe location for community events, for retail development, and will enhance village living.

We strongly recommend that the Town of Ledyard receive funding for the Village Center under the STEAP program. Thank you for considering this project for funding. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if I can provide you any additional information.

Sincerely,

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