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To:

Keith Harless, Town Manager  
528 Industrial Drive  
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RE: TOWN OF PENNINGTON CONVENTION/BUSINESS CENTER

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Town of Pennington Gap's proposed convention/business center located at 528 Industrial Dr.

As in many areas of Southwest Virginia, there is a shortage of large meeting spaces other than using a local high school gymnasium which is not suitable for hosting a convention or large conference. The Town of Pennington Gap has a space that addresses multiple needs in the community and surrounding areas that will meet the need for a large conference center or several meeting spaces.

I look forward to supporting the Town of Pennington Gap's efforts in applying for Congressionally Directed Spending (also known as "Community Project Funding") to provide financial support to assist in re-developing this space as proposed. This project will allow the Town of Pennington Gap to directly be involved with a redevelopment project that repurposes a space that was formally used as a call center and has not been used for multiple years. If awarded, I will support the Town's work to the best of my ability. Thank you for providing this opportunity to share my support for this exciting project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick L. Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line.