



April 6, 2022

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Missouri 6<sup>th</sup> District  
St. Joseph District Office  
411 Jules, Suite #111  
St. Joseph, MO 64501

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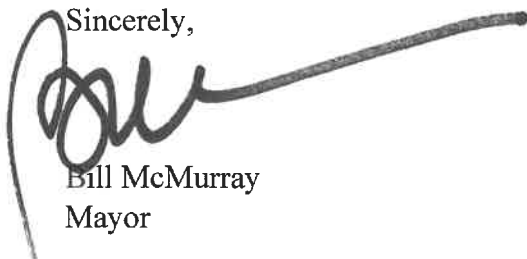
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Please accept this letter of support for the project!

Sincerely,



Bill McMurray  
Mayor



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