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To whom it may concern,

I would like to send a letter of support on behalf of The City of Brevard in their pursuit of the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) grant through the USDOT Federal Highway Administration. They are requesting \$21 million in partnership with Henderson County for The Ecusta Trail Project which is part of the larger NCDOT State Trails network.

This 19 mile portion of the Ecusta Trail connects the Brevard Greenway to the Town of Hendersonville and surrounding Henderson County. This investment would be beneficial for the local economy because it would improve the overall quality of life and provide opportunities to revive the economy.

This project will connect area tourism, the downtown area and many of our best historical, cultural, commercial, and service assets. This would allow the City of Brevard to complete many of the city's transportation needs and create economic initiatives they could not experience otherwise.

Thank you for your consideration and I strongly support The City of Brevard in their efforts to obtain the NSFLTP funds. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jake Johnson".

Representative Jake Johnson