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## RE: Town of Vernon's EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant Application

Dear Mr. Regan:

I write to you today in enthusiastic support of the Town of Vernon's application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Single Site Cleanup Grant Application. The funding would be of significant benefit to Rockville, a State and National Historic District with rich history of manufacturing and textile mills, within the Town of Vernon, Connecticut.

The district of Rockville is a state-designated Environmental Justice (EJ) community, which is also affected by adverse health impacts, high poverty levels, and low environmental quality. The Town is seeking this funding to revitalize this district, leveraging significant historic, cultural and institutional assets. This area contains five Brownfields in close proximity to each other. These Brownfields may contamination which may pose health risks to the residents, in addition in occupying valuable space for residential and commercial use. The redevelopment of the former Daniel's Mill, Amerbelle, and Anocoil Mills would meet the community's need for housing and provide substantial employment opportunities to stimulate its economy.

The Town of Vernon sees this project as a key component of its long-term revitalization and resiliency plan, and I am wholeheartedly in support of the application. For these reasons I urge you to award full funding. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
JOE COURTNEY

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