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Bridget Shea Westfall Administration for Children and Families OCS Grants Operations Center 1401 Mercantile Lane, Suite 401 Largo, MD 20774

Dear Ms. Westfall:

I am writing to you in support of the Lake County Community Development Corporation's application for a Community Economic Development Projects grant (HHS-2017-ACF-OCS-EE-1213).

As a regional certified economic development organization, the Lake County Community Development Corporation, along with its Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center (MMFEC) works to meet the needs of food businesses in Montana. Specifically, MMFEC serves as a designated Montana Food and Agriculture Development Center, providing technical assistance to developing Montana food businesses in food safety, protocol, training programs, product development, financial planning, and feasibility analysis.

If successful, funding will be used to renovate the MMFEC facility and purchase additional equipment. Additionally, funding will be used to support the creation of 25 jobs for low income residents in Lake, Mineral, and Sanders Counties as well as on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

I trust you will give this application fair and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Daines

United States Senator