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Shaun L.S. Donovan,  
US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 Seventh Street SW Mail Stop S  
Washington, District of Columbia 20410-0001

Dear Secretary Donovan:

I am writing to express my support for a grant application submitted by the City of Marshalltown, Iowa, for Hope VI Main Street Program Grant Funding. Marshalltown has put together a solid application for their Marshalltown Senior Residences project, renovating an commercial building on their Main Street into 28 rental units for low-income elderly and disabled individuals.

The Hope VI Main Street Program has provided outstanding support to several small communities across the country rejuvenate main street areas with focused and substantial funding support. It is a program that has a large impact on small towns. The Marshalltown Project is a piece of a larger effort to improve their downtown area, which has included a new library, business expansion, renovation of the historic Orpheum Theater, streetscape and infrastructure improvements and an expansion of the community hospital. The project will address a growing need for affordable senior housing place near supportive services and help bolster the momentum of the rejuvenation of the community.

I hope you will give every consideration to the Marshalltown project. Please direct any correspondence regarding this matter to my grants office in Des Moines. Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

Tom Harkin  
United States Senator

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