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Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

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SUBJECT: Cottage Grove Main Street Revitalization Project

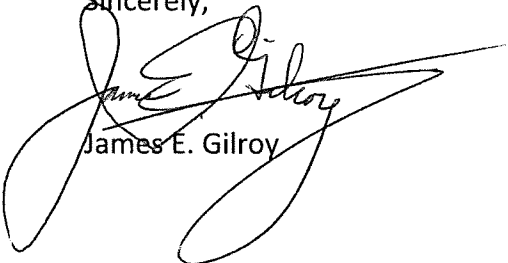
BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Application

Although my family and I have lived in this community for forty-five years and I've served as an elected official, with four terms as Mayor, I'm writing this letter of support for our community from a job enhancement perspective. This is our best shot at creating the preferred future we've talked about for a generation and we'd appreciate your financial backing to insure we can make it happen.

Currently I serve as chair of the Economic Business Improvement District and board member of both Community Development Corporation and Main Street programs. Our prime strategy for business vitality is to resurrect the beating heart of our community. We believe that it will inspire more participation from the private sector, thereby multiplying our opportunity for jobs throughout the area. In 1986, Cottage Grove commissioned a market study that indicated that this historic district didn't have to do a major overhaul in order to achieve its potential...."just need to clean it up and make it more visitor-friendly". If you can believe Hollywood movie producers who have filmed here a number of times, our downtown is the perfect set for an All-American City for which we've been selected twice.

Won't you join us? It'll be a terrific partnership.

Sincerely,



James E. Gilroy