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Town of Essex Selectboard
c/o Linda Myers, Chair
81 Main Street
Essex Junction, VT 05452

Dear Linda:

On behalf of the Essex Junction Board of Trustees, I would like to convey our full support for the Selectboard's proposal to locate the new Essex Police Facility on the IBM property along Route 117.

We appreciate that your decision was guided by the recommendations of the Police Facility Committee, which was an ad hoc committee consisting of town and village residents appointed by the Selectboard. The committee membership also included Village Planning Commission member John Alden, and Village Trustee Dan Kerin, a career officer with the Vermont State Police.

We observed the committee's efforts during the two years that they met, and believe that they fairly assessed all the available properties throughout the village and town as possible candidates. We believe that the IBM property is the most appropriate and logical choice, based on their thoughtful reviews. We believe the location is well suited to serve citizens throughout the Essex community.

Furthermore, we also believe that the Essex Police Department, which now serves the second largest community in the state, has long since outgrown the cramped facilities at 81 Main Street, which were designed and built in the 1970s. We deplore the conditions of the current police facility, where victims of crime must endure sitting side by side with suspects as they are processed, due to lack of space. Our hard working police officers, and the citizens of our community, deserve better and we applaud your efforts to rectify this unacceptable situation.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George A. Tyler".

George A. Tyler, President
Essex Junction Board of Trustees