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The Honorable Chris Saunders
Federal Co-Chairman
Northern Border Regional Commission
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Mr. Rich Grogan
Executive Director
Northern Border Regional Commission
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Dear Chairman Saunders and Mr. Grogan:

I write in support of the Town of Greenville's application for funding through the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Catalyst Program. The Town seeks support for construction of a childcare, Pre-Kindergarten, and Community Recreation Facility.

If awarded, this multi-purpose facility will be constructed on the Greenville Consolidated School campus and will nearly double the available licensed childcare slots in the town. It is estimated that 22 full and part-time jobs will be created at the facility itself, in addition to 40-75 full and part-time jobs in the local economy can be filled by parents of the children who receive care.

Childcare access has been identified as a top priority by Greenville's major employers, and this project has already received federal support to help address the need. The project is currently in the final design phase, and these funds would be utilized for administrative, engineering, and construction costs to bring the project to fruition.

I understand that Greenville received NBRC Catalyst funds for a different project in 2023; while none of these funds have yet been spent, the town explained that they are in the process of completing the necessary NEPA environmental review prior to beginning work on that project, and they intend to request a waiver of the 75% NBRC Prior Investment Expenditure requirement.

Thank you for your consideration of this application and waiver request, consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Please notify Deidre Grant in my Bangor office at (207) 945-0417 when a decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator