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October 10, 2024

Hon. Colleen Meeder, Mayor
Village of Sherman
111 Mill Street, P.O. Box 629
Sherman, New York 14781

Re: Village of Sherman 2024 NY Forward LOS

Dear Mayor Meeder,

I write today in strong support for the Village of Sherman's \$4.5 million NY Forward Application to the NYS Department of State.

The NY Forward award will exponentially strengthen the community's vision by providing funding for building improvements, business development, placemaking strategies, gateways and green infrastructure for implementation and revitalization of downtown Sherman to attract businesses, residents, and visitors.

The Village of Sherman is continually working toward providing a higher quality of living for residents by exploring and capitalizing on the rich cultural, historical, natural, and agricultural assets of the Village, by investing in sustainable public infrastructure, increasing access to the trail systems, creating new retail spaces to diversify the downtown's current offerings, and establishing the We Rock the Spectrum - Sherman anchor business.

The Village of Sherman has completed an updated Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Market Analysis, and a NYMS Building Feasibility Study that incorporated the input of all stakeholders and received support from businesses, residents, and community organizations. Funding also will assist with local trail improvements to the Chautauqua Rails to Trails network and parks along French Creek. It is essential to the village's economic development and stability, and quality of life strategies for residents and visitors.

I commend the Village of Sherman for being directly instrumental in making Western New York a better place to live and work through such quality of life and economic development strategies. I wish you continued success with this new endeavor.

Please accept my best wishes. Should you need assistance in the future, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George M. Borrello". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'G'.

George M. Borrello
Senator, 57th District