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Commissioner Bruce A Van Note
Maine Department of Transportation
16 State House Station
August, ME 04333-0016

RE: Schoodic Scenic Byway Discovery and Recreation Hub

Dear Commissioner Van Note;

It is our pleasure to submit this Letter of Support for the Schoodic Scenic Byway's Discovery and Recreation Hub grant application. Since 2018, Age-Friendly Sullivan has initiated, organized and financially supported the annual 6-mile Earth Day clean-up of the Schoodic Scenic Byway throughout Sullivan.

During the pandemic in 2020, Age-Friendly Sullivan coordinated construction and raised all funding required to develop an ability-friendly walking trail (Phase 1) next to the Children's Playground at the Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center. Funding was provided by AARP's Challenge Grant, Maine Community Foundation, and the Town of Sullivan. This project allows anyone, and especially those with mobility challenges to safely access a hard-surface walking trail year-round. It provides older adults, plus parents of young children in strollers to engage in healthy activities, while other family members enjoy the adjacent recreational facilities.

We are pleased to support this proposal to improve quality of life, inclusion and engagement through development of this multi-faceted Welcome Center. Age-Friendly Sullivan and Sullivan's Parks & Recreation Committee are comprised primarily of older residents. Both committees have been instrumental in developing new and improved community outdoor facilities and activities, including an expanded Sullivan Daze event in August, a new Fall Festival in October, and our weekly Music in the Park.

As always, please do not hesitate to ask questions or seek additional information.

Thanks & Cheers, Candy

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