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Scott Robertson Municipal Assistance Section Vermont Agency of Transportation 219 North Main Street Barre, Vermont 05641

Dear Mr. Robertson,

On behalf of the Preservation Trust of Vermont and its Board of Directors, I am pleased to write in enthusiastic support of the Stafford Bridge 30 Truss Project and its Transportation Alternatives Grant application. This project will preserve an important historic resource and add to the vitality of Strafford.

The Preservation Trust of Vermont has been in regular contact with community members in Strafford who plan to reuse the existing truss system from Ludlow. We believe that the project is both feasible (as does Richard Tetreault from Dubois and King) and that the community has the necessary expertise and capacity to ensure the project's success. The Preservation Trust will continue to support the community in whatever ways we can, including technical assistance, encouragement, and in the development of additional funding strategies.

As I'm sure you know, Stafford Village is a very special place with several historic buildings. It is an ACCD designated village and is on the National Register of Historic Places. This is an exceptional chance to enhance the village. Historic preservation is a team sport and I believe that by working collaboratively to support the village in this effort we can achieve a great outcome for everyone.

Thank you for considering our support of Stafford's application and please don't hesitate to reach out if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Ben Doyle President