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James McKenna, Co-Chair
North Country REDC Plattsburgh Office
61 Area Development Drive
Plattsburgh, New York 12901

Re: Letter of Support for the Village of Malone Round 8 DRI Application

Dear Mr. McKenna:

I am writing to express **[Organization’s]** strong support for the Village of Malone’s application to Round 8 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI).

Since first applying in Round 6 of the DRI program, the Village of Malone has made substantial progress in revitalizing its historic downtown. Notable milestones achieved by the Village over the previous two years include the adoption of a Downtown Strategic Plan and an accompanying Physical Enhancement Plan in March 2023, the opening of the 40-unit Harison Place Apartments and five new street-level commercial suites in June 2024, and perhaps most significant of all, the acquisition of the old Flanagan Hotel by the Village and the execution of an intermunicipal agreement between the Village and Franklin County that will fund demolition of the deteriorated structure, which will allow the property to be marketed for redevelopment.

On the heels of this progress, the Village has prepared a carefully curated list of projects that can be easily implemented with an infusion of DRI funds. These prospective projects range from transformational public space improvements to private development of critically needed housing.

Our organization is confident that the Village of Malone has the vision, the leadership, and the community support to maximize the impact of DRI funds and to shape a new period of prosperity for downtown.

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We enthusiastically support the Village’s pursuit of DRI funds and look forward to the catalytic effect it will have on downtown and the region.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**[Signature]**