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Dear Friends,

The first thing I would like to do is thank all of you for your support of the North Country Council this past year. Once again, I would like to reaffirm the Council's commitment to serve the community and regional needs.

We continue to be very active in transportation planning. We are the recipient if a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation that enables us provide assistance to communities and staff the Transportation Advisory Committee for the region. I urge all of you if you have not been involved with the advisory committee to give us a call and arrange to attend one of our meetings.

In economic development we continue our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. Two projects that we are very involved with is the reuse of the Groveton Mill and the Dartmouth Regional Technology Center (DRTC) incubator in Grafton County. These along with other economic opportunities will continue to be a focus in the coming year.

The planning department has also been busy and as you look through this report you will see a variety of technical assistance activities that were provide to a number of communities in our region. We also began a major program to update and expand our regional plan thanks to a grant received by the nine planning commissions from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This project, called the Granite State Futures (GSF) project will be continuing this year. There will be many opportunities for participation by residents and member community representatives to the Council. Community input is at the core of the GSF project and we need your input. Go to or use the QR code on this page to help us develop a vision for the future of the region. granitestatefuture.org/get-involved/add- and I urge you to attend some of the meetings that we will be having throughout the region. Community input is at the core of the GSF project and we need your input.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the Council. I hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community needs. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director