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Dear Ms. Scherzinger,

On behalf of The McConnell Foundation, please accept this letter in support of Shasta County RTPA's FY 2006-2007 *Regional Blueprint Planning Program* grant application.

The timing of this project is especially critical to the future our region. Historically modest growth trends in Shasta and Tehama County have given way in recent years to rapid development of large scale residential subdivisions and clustered big box retail. This new wave of development pressures carries truly regional implications that may permanently affect the form and function of our region.

This project will provide a common forum for regional issues and the financial resources needed to develop a preferred blueprint for the future. Citizens, decision makers, and elected officials will gain insight and a greater appreciation for the long-term implications of today's decisions and the relationship between the economy, the environment, and social equity.

The McConnell Foundation is committed to participating in the development of a consensus derived 'blueprint' for the Shasta/Northern Tehama region.

Sincerely,

John Mancasola
Executive Vice President