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Anthony Ward, Town Manager Town of Casco 635 Meadow Road Casco, ME 04015

Dear Anthony Ward,

Over 16 years ago Cumberland County and our community partners created the Cumberland County Community Development program. We are now entering of our 18th program year. Many projects and programs have been successfully completed with many more well under way. Twenty-five municipalities participate in the program, a clear demonstration that regional partnerships are viable and productive.

Communities sign on to the Community Development program for a three-year commitment. The "cooperation agreement" between your community and the County renews automatically unless you notify us that you wish to withdraw. I haven't heard from any communities contemplating this course, but we must inform you that you have the right to withdraw. You must contact the County by July 17, 2024 if your community will not continue its participation in the program. This will afford us time to provide appropriate notification to HUD.

I hope you agree with me that the Cumberland County Community Development program has been remarkably successful, providing new opportunities to the residents and communities of our region. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Styles, tel. 207-699-1906, e-mail <u>styles@cumberlandcounty.org</u>

Sincerely,

James Cloutier, Chair Cumberland County Commissioners