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January 8, 2025

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation  
1212 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
PO Box 358  
Nome, Alaska 99762

Dear Ms. Ivanoff:

This is a letter of support for the City of Nome's application to NSEDC's outside entity funding for a new water heater at the XYZ Center and locker room renovations at the Nome Rec Center. These city facilities provide essential services to elders in our community; as well as support the health and wellness of our residents.

As a benefit to Kawerak staff, Kawerak pays the fees for staff to utilize the Recreation Center. We are thankful for the Recreation Center and the various uses of the Center besides physical activities and games. The dilapidated condition of the locker rooms at the Nome Rec Center are in dire need of renovation and repair. This renovation project is long overdue, and essential to community health and safety.

The XYZ Center serves elders with meals, transportation, shower and laundry facilities. Additionally, it's a venue for elders to gather, visit and connect with one another. Care of our elders is important, reflecting not only our community values, but preserving the collective history and knowledge of our community.

Thank you for your continued investment in the Norton Sound region communities, and your consideration of the City of Nome's OEF request.

Sincerely,

Melanie Bahnke, President

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Advancing the capacity of our people and tribes for the benefit of the region.