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Christopher J. Moss, Chemung County Executive
203 Lake Street, P.O. Box #588
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CHEMUNG COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Dear County Executive Moss:

The Chemung County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) is the lead economic development organization for Chemung County. The agency not only plays a role with our manufacturing and general business sectors, but also provides services and assistance to our non-profit and community development organizations that promote arts and entertainment within the County. The IDA also partners with Southern Tier Economic Growth for administrative and economic development services.

During the COVID-19 years, the Chemung County IDA witnessed an economic downturn within the County and the Southern Tier Region resulting in the loss of jobs and investment. Although necessary, mandates imposed by New York State such as travel restrictions added to the problems caused by the pandemic for the business community.

One impact on the IDA during this period of time was a decline and unrealized revenues of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The organization's ability to fund economic development projects and initiatives was lessened.

The IDA is very appreciative of consideration of ARPA funds by the Chemung County Legislature. If awarded, these funds will help fill some of the previous shortfalls and greatly benefit the Agency in its effort to promote development and tourism throughout Chemung County.

Sincerely,

Joseph Roman, Executive Director
Chemung County IDA

cc: D. Sheen, IDA Chairman
H. Hussain, Chemung County Attorney