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Town of Gardiner
Attention: Mr. Michael Hartner
2340 State Route 44/55
Gardiner, New York 12525

Dear Supervisor Hartner,

Thank you for submitting the Town of Gardiner's application to New York's Pro-Housing Communities Program. We are delighted to inform you that we have completed the review of your application and the Town of Gardiner has been certified as a Pro-Housing Community.

The housing shortage that New Yorkers face affects residents of all ages and income levels, and the urgent need to take action to address the issue is only growing. In New York State, rents have risen 40 to 60 percent since 2015 and home prices have risen 50 to 80 percent. More than half of New York renters are rent-burdened, meaning that they pay more than 30 percent of their income on rent – the second-highest rate in the nation. Here at HCR, we understand the nexus between supply and affordability. In order to achieve true equity of opportunity and to erase the gaps in access to health, education, and wealth-building, we must guarantee that people have a choice as to where they live and raise their families. So much of the housing progress we have made and want to make is dependent on the support of municipalities like yours who are on the front lines helping families fight for housing that meets their needs.

As a certified Pro-Housing Community, the Town of Gardiner will now be eligible to apply for various discretionary funding programs with up to $750 million in funding available.

We are excited that the Town of Gardiner has chosen to join the Pro-Housing Communities Program and we look forward to continuing to work with the Town of Gardiner to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to a safe, affordable, equitable place to live.

Sincerely,

RuthAnne Visnauskas
Commissioner/CEO