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May 3, 2021

The Office of the Federal Co-Chair  
Northern Borders Regional Commission  
53 Pleasant Street, Suite 1202  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Letter of Support for CVSWMD's 2021 SEID Investment Program Grant Application

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing to express our support for the Northern Borders Regional Commission's 2021 State Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program grant application by the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) to help fund a year-round household hazardous waste facility in Central Vermont.

The Town of East Montpelier is a member municipality of CVSWMD. Residents of East Montpelier would benefit significantly from having access to a permanent household hazardous waste facility, which will enable our community to properly manage toxic materials via the availability of an appropriate year-round disposal service. Our community members will no longer have to store hazardous toxic products in their homes while waiting for an often crowded and confusing annual collection event. Just as importantly, the existence of a local facility will empower citizens to develop both the solid working knowledge and the ingrained habits of acceptable ways to handle and dispose of hazardous materials necessary for effective societal benefits, similar to how recycling programs succeeded over time.

This project will allow CVSWMD to fill a regional infrastructure gap for the essential service of collecting household hazardous waste in a permanent, year-round facility. The facility will provide residents, businesses, and municipalities in the central Vermont region safe and convenient access for household hazardous waste disposal. The services provided at what would be a premier, state-of-the-art household hazardous waste collection facility will further the protection of soils and waterways from improper disposal of household hazardous waste, preserving Vermont's valuable natural resources.

We view the commitment of resources to the proposed project as a sound investment that will enhance efforts to reduce hazardous materials in our environment by providing a permanent, year-round disposal option for household hazardous material. We also welcome an endeavor that develops our region's resiliency. We encourage you to look favorably on the CVSWMD funding request.

Sincerely,

Seth B. Gardner  
Chair, East Montpelier Selectboard