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September 18, 2007

Ms. Katherine Braid, Chair  
Town of Edgecomb  
Planning Board  
803 Boothbay Rd.  
Edgecomb, ME 04556

Dear Ms. Braid,

This letter is to commend the Town of Edgecomb for their efforts in working with the developers of Davis Island to create economic opportunities while maintaining the charm and quality of the region.

As you are well aware, there are many economic challenges facing the Mid-coast region in the coming years. The closure of BNAS, rising costs of housing, and changing tourist demographics and demands will impact the future of the Mid-coast. Whether our communities survive the change or struggle depends on their ability to attract sustainable investment now.

The Town of Edgecomb and the entire region are fortunate to have a partner in the Edgecomb Development Group that is dedicated to positioning Edgecomb to lead the future of the entire region. Your partnership in the short term has brought modern water and sewer conveniences to Davis Island, which has supported modernization and redevelopment of first-class hotel rooms. It has also brought development of high-quality housing that is affordable to working families in the region, which is vital to helping employers keep access to their skilled workers. The next phase of high quality senior housing will fill the need for seniors in the region, and future phases could make Edgecomb the new gateway to the Boothbay-Damariscotta region.

Roger Bintliff and his associates have been remarkably consistent with the principles of sprawl-preventing "smart growth," and have also been consistent with the demands of the community to maintain a high quality of life. Their efforts to minimize their footprint on the island while maximizing impact have quickly become a model for other communities across the state. As of now, Edgecomb Development Group has created over sixty well paying jobs, many with full benefits. This is a tremendous achievement for them, and a tremendous asset for the region.

As plans move forward on the next phases of this project, I want to urge you to continue to work closely with the Edgecomb Development Group to ensure this project will provide maximum



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benefit to the town and region as a whole. I am certain that the next phase of senior housing will be built with the same attention to detail and commitment to the community as the first two phases, and I urge you to support getting this major investment off the ground.

In closing, the Town of Edgecomb is in an enviable place right now, and holds the keys to long-term success of the entire Boothbay region. Edgecomb Development Group has already proven that it is committed to working closely with you to ensure mutually beneficial development, and I urge you to continue to support the long-term plans for Davis Island.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Richardson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line.

John Richardson

CC: Cabel Curran