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Ralph Rognstad
Director of Planning and Development
City of Springfield
940 N. Boonville
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Dear Ralph:

The Board of Directors of the Urban Districts Alliance unanimously voted on July 9, 2010, to support The Link and the City's efforts to apply for funds to make the vision a reality.

As a community, alternative transportation is very underutilized and its citizens too dependent on their own cars. Investing in infrastructure improvements to make bicycle corridors more user-friendly will encourage riders to use it for daily commuting and reduce the wear-and-tear on our streets and environment.

The Link will literally bring together many of our major institutions and employers through the heart of our Community Development Block Grant service area. Thousands of low-to-moderate income households will have greater access to work and receive services through the proposed enhancements.

The UDA and the historic business districts we serve (Downtown, Commercial Street, and Walnut Street) appreciate the planning efforts of the City, Ozark Greenways, and the many community partners who support the growth of alternative transportation. If this project is funded, we will actively promote it to our 25,000 employees, 16,000 residents, and hundreds of small businesses in Center City.

Please let me know if anyone has any questions.

Best wishes,

Raymond "Rusty" Worley
Executive Director
Urban Districts Alliance