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Dear Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Enterprise Zone Tax Credit – Designation Renewal

The residents of Box Elder County and its cities have enjoyed a phenomenal state tax credit over the years administered by the Governor's Office of Economic Development called the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit.

The credit was originally established in 1988, but a revision was made in 2016 to include more rural cities within Box Elder County. The state legislature and the Office of Economic Development have required cities and town to establish eligible areas and apply for official designation in order to qualify as an Enterprise Zone. The designation establishes the Enterprise Zone for five years, at which point the eligible zone would have to reapply to maintain the designation for another five years.

Mitch Zundel, Economic Development Director for Box Elder County, has informed us that cities in Box Elder County cannot renew their Enterprise Zones after December 31, 2020 due to a change in the law. **We highly encourage all cities and towns within Box Elder County to renew their Enterprise Zones prior to December 31, 2020** so that the designation remains in effect for another five years, as opposed to the Enterprise Zones expiring after just one or two more years.

The residents of most cities and towns in Box Elder County have received significant benefit from the Enterprise Zone Tax Credit. Davis & Bott CPA's has worked closely with the county, local town and city councils, and Box Elder County residents to apply for zones and tax credits. Our firm has applied for the vast majority of Enterprise Zone Tax Credits approved for the county.

We want the residents of Box Elder County to continue to receive the benefits of this tax credit. We have included, with this letter, the application required by the state to be completed by each city. We are also working to provide you with a recent application of Howell as an example in helping you complete the necessary requirements.

We look forward to working with you over the next month to complete the necessary action to renew the Enterprise Zone designation currently in place. **To meet this deadline, we recommend passing the required Resolution in your next City Council Meeting during the month of October.** Please contact Cade Jones at Davis & Bott CPA's with any questions at (435) 723-5224 or by email at cadej@davisbott.com.

Sincerely,
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