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# United States Senate

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The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I write in support of the application submitted by The Town of North Hempstead for funding from the Brownfields Assessment Grant Program through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Funding will be used to clean up a brownfield within the Hamlet of New Cassel, New York.

The Town of North Hempstead occupies 58 square miles and has over 222,000 residents. It is home to many famous historic landmarks and buildings on Long Island, such as the famous Shelter Rock. The Town of North Hempstead has been actively facilitating the redevelopment and revitalization of New Cassel for over a decade. With this effort, the Town has launched a Brownfields and Community Revitalization effort to return blighted areas into vibrant, productive use in order to create new opportunities to the area.

The requested funding will be used to conduct further environmental investigations, as well as for cleanup and reuse planning at targeted brownfield sites in New Cassel. The Town aims to attract developers to the area who can fulfill the community's vision for improving public safety, enhancing community facilities, establishing new parks and recreation, and creating a more attractive, walkable, and livable New Cassel. Funding will help to advance over a decade of coordinated efforts between federal, state, and local officials to overcome environmental and social challenges in New Cassel to create new economic opportunities for the region.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member, Laura Driscoll, at (202)224-4451.

Sincerely



Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senator