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On behalf of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to express our strong support for the City of Medford's One Stop grant application, which includes two key initiatives: the Medford Square Redevelopment Site Readiness Project and the Vacant Storefront Grant Program. The Chamber represents almost 300 businesses, nonprofit organizations, and institutions in Medford. Medford Square has long represented a key opportunity for economic growth. Since 2020, the City has taken significant steps to realize this potential, including the formation of an Economic Development team and, most recently, with the acceptance of a proposal from Transom Real Estate to redevelop key parcels in Medford Square creating 280+ new housing units and 16,000 sq. ft. of ground-floor retail. To realize the project, the site must undergo necessary archaeological exploration and exhumation of historical and cultural artifacts. Assistance from Mass Development will help prepare the site for the anticipated redevelopment project.

The Vacant Storefront Grant Program is a successful program for revitalizing Medford business districts. This spring, a local business, Skin by Terry, received \$10,000 in CDBG funds and leveraged an additional \$10,000 through the Commonwealth's MVSP. With continued support, the City plans to commit \$50,000 in CDBG funds to assist five more businesses with buildout, façade improvements, marketing, and furnishings. Vacant storefronts in our business districts are an impediment to both new and existing businesses and this program is important for our City.

These initiatives are essential to strengthening our City's vibrancy and supporting local businesses. The Medford Chamber of Commerce is proud to endorse these efforts and looks forward to a successful partnership.

Sincerely,

Andrew Mather  
President, Medford Chamber of Commerce