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Mayor Robert Gallagher, Jr.
Bettendorf City Council Members
Bettendorf City Hall
1609 State Street
Bettendorf, IA 52722

RE: City of Bettendorf's proposed Amendment No. 2 to the I-80 Urban Renewal Plan

Dear Mayor Gallagher and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment No. 2 to the I-80 Urban Renewal Plan. The Scott County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the information provided to our TIF Review Committee by Jeff Reiter, Bettendorf Director of Economic Development. The Board supports the use of TIF as an economic development incentive for I-80 Urban Renewal Plan area along Middle Rd. The proposed and current developments will increase the tax base of the community. The existing Bettplex development has already proven that this type of use can draw 1.5 million people a year to Scott County. The continued development in this area should attract more sporting events and visitors to the Quad Cities area and help grow our tourism economy. The Amendment No. 2 is designed to leverage a safe walkway, including a pedestrian bridge across middle road, amongst the development.

The Board does not support the use of TIF to fund public improvements which could be incurred by the entire town rather than a shared expense. We understand alternative funding measures and grants were considered. Future development not captured by the incremental tax financing, may offset the shared expense over the life of the project and be available to the taxing bodies. The Board has always encouraged TIF rebates or incremental financing to be for the least amount and the shortest length of time necessary to make a project feasible.

The Scott County Board of Supervisors appreciates its opportunity to comment on this TIF Plan and is excited by the development along a highly visible entrance to the Quad City area. The Board is delighted to have this facility located in Scott County. The Board hopes to continue the spirit of cooperation with the City of Bettendorf on economic development projects and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Ken Beck, Chair
Scott County Board of Supervisors

cc: Scott County Board of Supervisors
Mahesh Sharma, Scott County Administrator
Decker Ploehn, Bettendorf City Administrator