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Mr Ray Redfern, Chair,
Westman Opportunities Leadership Group (WOLG)
c/o Redfern Farm Services
922 Douglas Ave, Brandon MB

Email: rredfern@redferns.ca

Dear Mr Redfern:

Re: WOLG Member Support for the WOLG Soybean Processing Plant Investment Attraction initiative

This letter is to acknowledge that financial support has been provided to the Westman Opportunities Leadership Group (WOLG) to advance plans to attract private sector investment into a world-class, state of the art Soybean Crushing Plant in Manitoba. A significant opportunity now exists for Manitoba to attract such a facility, and our community has provided funding to WOLG pursue the investment attraction process.

WOLG now represents a broad coalition of business, farm and community leaders intent on attracting this facility to Manitoba. In total, 5 communities have come together and provided seed funding nearing \$150,000 to support these efforts.

The Town of Virden understands that the WOLG, on behalf of all of its members, is applying for funding to support its investment attraction efforts. As a member of the WOLG Board as designated by our community, the Town is writing to confirm support for the use of funds provided to lever additional support through the provincial and federal governments.

The regional nature and significant provincial benefits that will accrue from such an initiative merit full examination and we believe, significant government support. The Town of Virden encourages support for WOLG's investment attraction efforts, which is anticipated to result in private sector investment exceeding \$300M. Together we can make Manitoba stronger and more prosperous for all.

Yours truly,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhonda Stewart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the town name.

Per: Rhonda Stewart, CMMA
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