

MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

June 2, 2014

Anthony T. Plante, Town Manager
Town Of Windham
8 School Road
Windham, ME 04062-4807

Dear Tony,

For more than 35 years, Maine Development Foundation has exemplified a strong tradition and proven reputation of collaboratively working to help drive long-term economic growth statewide with many partners and stakeholders. As the new President and CEO of MDF, it is a pleasure to recognize that our members, board of directors and staff strongly believe the key to that growth is a productive workforce that is educated, healthy, innovative and engaged in their community and economy. MDF continually pursues these strategic priorities by empowering leaders, strengthening communities, and guiding public policy through our trusted non-partisan programs and research. We are all about empowering Maine people to power Maine's economy for today and for tomorrow.

Our diversified programming and projects reflect our steadfast commitment to our mission as well as our strategic commitment to being an action orientated organization and collaborator.

Maine Downtown Center

Main Street Maine
Maine Downtown Network
Green Downtowns
Healthy Main Streets

Leadership Programs

Leadership Maine
Education Leaders
Experience
Policy Leaders Academy
Leadership Unplugged

Education Programs

Maine Employers'
Initiative
Next Step Maine

Economic Research

Maine Economic Growth Council
Measures of Growth
Making Maine Work
Quarterly Jobs Report
Quarterly Economic Report

MDF enjoyed a year of exciting transitions and tremendous activity and growth in 2013, expanding our reach and meaningful impact through 2014 in several ways. Highlights include:

- Launching a new community health program in 20 Maine towns
- Starting a new leadership program for Maine educators
- Broadening our work with employers and their employees' education to make real statewide inroads
- Celebrating 20 years of Leadership Maine, which now has over 800 alumni
- Releasing Making Maine Work: Growing Maine's Workforce, the latest report in our ongoing partnership with the Maine State Chamber of Commerce
- Developing the Prosperity Action Plan, with the Maine Economic Growth Council, for the Legislature
- Reaching more and more audiences with our research and message

The support of our 250 statewide member organizations makes all of our work possible. Your support provides the resources we need to continue the high quality and valuable work that the people of Maine have come to expect for over three decades. And, 2014 will be no exception.

These are truly exciting times at MDF and for our state. Thank you for your support and your trust. We look forward to working with you over the next year to make our vision of A High Quality of Life for all Maine People a reality. Enclosed is a membership renewal invoice. And please, if you are ever in the Augusta area, feel free to stop at MDF and say hello!

Sincerely,


Harold Closesey
President & CEO



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