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Sen. Wendy Harrison; Chair, Senate Committee on Institutions
Dear Chair Harrison:

Last week Chancellor Beth Mauch and I had the opportunity to meet with Senator Baruth to discuss exciting ideas and concepts regarding revitalization of the Johnson Campus of Vermont State University. Chancellor Mauch pitched the idea of an initiative to replace the outdated 1970s dorm housing with a modern, flexible apartment complex that better serves today's students and young families. In addition, the project is designed to contribute to the broader community and economic vitality of the Johnson area, a community that was ravaged by flooding over the last few years.

Senator Baruth was enthusiastic about the idea and encouraged us to reach out to you after he had had a chance to speak with you. I understand that conversation has happened and just wanted to provide you with additional background.

The VSC is seeking **\$1,000,000** to support the planning and design work necessary to attract private investment and bring the project to fruition. The funding would be used as follows:

- **\$250,000:** to develop a comprehensive design fees package, including architectural concepts and preliminary designs required for investor presentations.
- **\$750,000:** to finalize detailed drawings and prepare a polished investment proposal.

The project cannot proceed without the foundational work that this funding would make possible. The investment package, once completed, will allow us to:

- Present a compelling, well-developed proposal to potential investors.
- Ensure the project meets modern housing standards and accommodates the demographic shift towards older students and young families.
- Demonstrate the feasibility and profitability of the initiative, paving the way for substantial private investment.

This \$1,000,000 investment is a critical step in moving the Johnson Campus Revitalization Project from concept to reality. With your support, we can create a stronger, more vibrant Vermont State University that better serves its community and attracts essential investment.

Thank you for your consideration and enthusiasm for this project.

Respectfully submitted,



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