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Dear Community Connectors Grant Program Committee,

As the CEO of Community Health Northwest Florida, I am deeply committed to the health and well-being of our community. It is from this perspective that I wholeheartedly endorse the Bluffline project.

The Bluffline project is more than just a trail—it's a pathway to a healthier, more connected community. By providing a safe, accessible route for pedestrians and cyclists, it encourages physical activity, a key component of health. It also connects neighborhoods, schools, and commercial areas, fostering a sense of community that is vital for mental well-being.

Moreover, the project's commitment to preserving and rehabilitating natural habitats along the route aligns with our belief in the healing power of nature. Access to green spaces has been shown to reduce stress and improve mental health, making this project a valuable asset for our community.

What impresses me most about the Bluffline project is its commitment to inclusivity. The project team has made concerted efforts to engage with residents of neighborhoods adjacent to the proposed route, particularly in West Pensacola. This approach ensures that the benefits of the project are shared equitably across our community.

The team at Bluffline, Inc. has demonstrated their ability to build strong partnerships and garner support at the local and state levels. Their dedication and collaborative approach give me confidence in their ability to bring this project to fruition.

In conclusion, the Bluffline project represents a significant investment in the health and well-being of our community. I strongly urge you to consider this application favorably. I am excited about the potential of this project to make a positive impact on our community and look forward to seeing it come to life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chandra Smiley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chandra" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Smiley".

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