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Feb 27, 2026

Adam Stubb  
County Manager, Ashe County

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Dear Mr. Stubb,

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In order to advance these potential opportunities, the NPS requests a letter of support from your office. For your convenience, please find attached draft language that you are welcome to use. You may certainly craft a response in your own words as well. Property descriptions with a map of the proposed realty transactions are also attached.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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- Draft response letter template
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