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Paul Jewell Board of County Commissioners 205W. 5th Avenue Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Commissioner Jewell:

Earlier this year the City Council of the City of Ellensburg approved \$50,000 from our lodging tax fund for an update of our tourism promotion and marketing plan. It is my understanding that Kittitas County is interested in this effort and would like to expand the scope countywide. The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce has expressed an interest as well, and letters inquiring about participation have been sent to the cities of Cle Elum and Roslyn.

By this letter, I would like to formally extend an invitation to Kittitas County to participate. By combining resources, we can gain considerable efficiency in this effort, particularly since so many of our interests are in common. I recognize that parts of any combined effort may be specific to each jurisdiction, while other parts would represent our common interests. I expect that any intergovernmental agreement we might enter would respect this.

This is an excellent opportunity to combine efforts in a way that we all end up with a high quality plan at a reasonable cost. We are ready to move ahead. If Kittitas County is interested in joining us in this effort with a similar \$50,000 contribution, please let me know at your earliest convenience. I can be reached at 509-899-0148 or tabbb@ci.ellensburg.wa.us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce Tabb

Mayor

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