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**RE: Proposed Shelby Crushed Stone Expansion
Town of Shelby, Orleans County, New York
USACE File No. 2006-00616
NYSDEC Permit No. 8-3436-00007/00001**

Dear Sirs:

This letter is offered in support of the applications of Shelby Crushed Stone ("SCS") for approvals from NYSDEC and USACE to expand SCS' current mining operations at 10830 Blair Road in the Town of Shelby. SCS has been a major contributor to our community by supplying crushed stone products that are used in our region's roads, bridges, homes, buildings and farms. Shelby's agricultural lime products continually support our farming businesses.

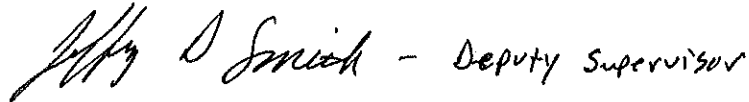
SCS has been a respected and responsible business with policies that protect and expand the safe, environmentally responsible use of aggregates that have supported the Town of Shelby's infrastructure and economy.

SCS has been operating this stone quarry in the Town since the mid-1980's and has been a part of our municipal growth, supplying products at low costs to the Town and its residents. SCS' local operations also keep transportation costs to a minimum by reducing vehicle miles traveled, as well as minimize greenhouse gas emissions associated with aggregate shipping from more distant locations. The loss of the business would have multiple devastating impacts to the surrounding area including:

- Increased infrastructure costs
- Loss of sales tax revenues
- Property tax revenue reduction
- Revenue impact on ancillary businesses
- Overall effect on Shelby and affiliated business employees

For the above reasons, the Town believes that SCS' requested expansion, which is necessary for the continued operation of SCS's mining operations, will serve a pressing economic and social need in the Town of Shelby. We continue to support SCS in its pursuit to acquire this mining area expansion and are happy to discuss if there are any questions in regard to this subject.

Sincerely,

 - Deputy Supervisor

Town Board of Shelby NY