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April 24, 2023

Commonwealth of Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority
701 E. Franklin Street, Suite 803
Richmond, VA 23219

RE: Letter of support for the *Roanoke Valley Collective Response* Cooperative Project Grant Application

To the OAA Grant Review Committee:

I am writing to express the support of the City of Covington for the City of Roanoke and Roanoke County's Cooperative Project Grant application for the *Roanoke Valley Collective Response* and to indicate our commitment as an additional partner on this project.

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Thank you for your consideration in supporting this important program.

Sincerely,

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Allen Dressler
City Manager

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Robert J. Wood
Town Manager

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May 1, 2023

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Sincerely,
Gary Larrowe
County Administrator

CC: BOS Members
Mr. John Alexander
Sheriff Matt Ward
Mr. David Moorman
Mr. Jon Lanford
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Town of Vinton

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Richard W. Peters, Jr., ICMA-CM
Town Manager

May 1, 2023

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CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

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May 1, 2023

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James E. Taliaferro, II
City Manager



ROANOKE COUNTY

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May 3, 2023

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Sincerely,

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County Administrator

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