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March 8, 2016

Elaine Abbott, City Manager
City of Eastport
78 High Street
Eastport, Maine 04631

Dear Ms. Abbott:

Thank you for submitting an application to become a part of the State of Maine's Certified Business-Friendly Community Program. The commitment to your business community is evident in the completion and submission of your application and for this you should be commended.

As you are aware, this program seeks to recognize those communities who exemplify customer service, provide exceptional services and streamline the regulatory processes for business owners in an effort to encourage business development and growth. The Certified Business-Friendly Community Program seeks to identify, recognize and promote those communities that show a true commitment to business development.

A total of 5 communities from all across Maine applied for certification in the latest round of the CBFC Program. An independent review team has evaluated all applications for certification and we would like to share with you their feedback to the application submitted by the City of Eastport.

- Solid partnerships with local, regional and state entities regarding workforce development
- Utilization of State and Federal grant programs, in coordination with private investments, to revitalize the City's historic downtown
- Many quality of life amenities including popular annual festivals
- Rapid growth of Eastport Port Authority a positive for City, region and State
- Straightforward licensing and permitting processes

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At this time, we would like to congratulate the City of Eastport for being certified as a Maine community that is truly "Open for Business". In the very near future we will be contacting you to coordinate presenting the community with its Certified Business-Friendly Community certificate and two large CBFC signs.

Congratulations on your selection as a Certified Business-Friendly Community!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G. Gervais", written over a horizontal line.

George C. Gervais, Commissioner

cc: Andrea Smith, DECD