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Cohase Chamber of Commerce

serving Haverhill & Piermont, & Orford, NH

and

Fairlee, Bradford & Newbury, VT

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Cohase Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is committed to fostering a vibrant economic climate by encouraging cooperation and communication among the region's communities, while ensuring a high quality of life.

Some of our major accomplishments for 2017 include but are certainly not limited to the following:

- ✓ Our **Annual Meeting** at Lake Morey Resort in January which included the presentation of our Citizen of the Year award and Business of the Year Award.
- ✓ A very successful **Business Breakfast** at the Colatina Exit in May with a record turnout of over 40 attendees to discuss challenges and successes within our communities.
- ✓ Co-sponsorship of the **Paddle the Border** events in May and October which brings people from all over to our region twice a year to celebrate our beautiful Connecticut River.
- ✓ An extremely successful **Garden Tour and Tea** in July featuring regional gardens and an afternoon tea at Alumni Hall in Haverhill, NH. Over 120 people attended from all over New Hampshire, Vermont and beyond.
- ✓ Our **Farm Tour** in August which celebrated our area's agricultural heritage and featured open houses and tours at local farms. This year's event was a record turnout with some farms reporting over 200 attendees.
- ✓ Our **48 Hour Film Slam** in September. Six teams participated this year and over 100 attendees attending the public screening.
- ✓ Two **Business After Hours** events which brought together 40-50 businesspeople from throughout our region for networking and conversation.
- ✓ Educational workshop targeted towards our regional business community including a **Business Succession Planning** workshop and a **Digital Marketing/Overcoming Business Overwhelm** workshop.
- ✓ Promotion of a "**Buy Local**" mentality in our region through press releases, articles, social media and presentations.
- ✓ Active participation in and facilitation of community meetings centered on Economic Development and Workforce Development
- ✓ Our annual Economic Summit as well as additional educational workshops are also planned before the year comes to a close.

Your support is vital to us achieving our goals and helping to continue to make the communities within the Cohase region a vibrant and attractive place to live, work and do business.

With gratitude,

Erik Volk
Executive Director