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NC League of Municipalities  
Nominating Committee  
434 Fayetteville Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

To whom it may concern.

I am pleased to offer my strongest recommendation for the reappointment of Mary Jo Adams to the NCLM Board of Directors. Councilwoman Adams has been an invaluable member of the Laurinburg City Council, demonstrating a deep commitment to public service, thoughtful leadership and a genuine concern for the well-being of our citizens. She approaches each issue with diligence, integrity and a collaborative spirit that works to find practical solutions.

Throughout her tenure, Councilwoman Adams has shown a clear understanding of the challenges and opportunities not only here in Laurinburg, but across our state. She is a strong advocate for responsible governance, economic development, and community engagement. Her ability to listen, understand and communicate effectively make her well suited for a leadership position at the state level.

Mary Jo's experience at the local level, including her time with the Lumber River Council of Government and the Southeast Regional Airport Authority, combined with her passion for strengthening communities, continue to make her an integral part of our Council and I am sure she will continue to contribute to advancing the League's mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James T. Willis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "J" and "W".

James T. Willis  
Mayor