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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that BVTC's Pawtucket Visitor Center may be slated for closure. I am writing this letter to support any effort that may be underway to keep the facility open.

Over the last five years, I can say with confidence that the Visitor Center has played an enormous role in our store's success. The knowledgeable staff routinely directs the city's visitors from around the world to local restaurants, notable city landmarks, and to shopping locations such as ours. The Center serves as a meeting place, resting place, information kiosk, and help center for those who arrive in the city by bus, train, or on foot not only every day, but every hour. The Visitor Center is the type of facility that few cities have but every city hopes to create. Its impact here in this neighborhood has been simply profound.

In closing, it must be noted that the Visitor Center is an irreplaceable resource. Whatever financial challenges the Center faces must be overcome. The cost of its closure far outweighs the cost of shutting it down and would leave what is purported to be a developing area rudderless. I cannot imagine enjoying any level of success in downtown Pawtucket without it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven R. Porter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven R. Porter
Owner, Stillwater Books & Stillwater River Publications