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Shelli Fortin
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168 Main Street
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Dear Shelli Fortin:

I am writing this letter to express my interest and consideration for the vacant City Council position. I am a native of Berlin, NH having been born here in 1970. My family was factory and mill workers from the area. Following my moving away I returned to continue working for the State of New Hampshire, Department of Corrections at the Northern New Hampshire Correctional Facility. Following my 23 plus year career with the Department of Corrections I began working for Aubuchon Hardware here in Berlin. Since being employed there I have worked my way up from starting as an Associate to where I am currently, Store Manager.

Having come from this area originally I can remember how the city used to be. It was a thriving community with several businesses and it was a place to call home. I fondly recall the Holiday Seasons and how Main Street was decorated and there was a sense of community and pride. Since then the community has fallen upon difficult times. Businesses closing, vacant shops left wanting someone to take them over, and the sense that we were slowly becoming a forgotten city.

Since becoming Manager for Aubuchon hardware I emphasized to the staff there that we needed to return to our community roots. We need to give back and show that we care. It is this very reason that I am writing this so that I could possibly become a member of the City Council and try to give back to our city. Goals are not often easy to achieve, and it takes teamwork and dedication to make those goals become a reality. That is what I can bring to the City Council. Teamwork, dedication, commitment, and compassion. These are what is needed for our community. They need to know that we have a government that cares for them and is willing to work for them.

Sincerely,

George Bigl Jr.