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August 15, 2016

Ms. Karen Brown
Director of Parks and Recreation
424 White Mountain Highway
P.O. Box 310
Milton, NH 03851

Dear Ms. Brown,

On behalf of my Darien, Connecticut community, I want to share a note of support and deep appreciation for the work of the Veterans' Rowing and Kayaking (VRK) organization.

Recently, I had the honor and privilege of meeting a very enthusiastic group of veterans and seniors from the Darien Atria Senior Living community who trained with VRK coaches in preparation for a launch and river row out of the Maritime Rowing Club in Norwalk, Connecticut on June 21, 2016. I attended both a training session before the big day and the event itself and saw firsthand the incredible, compassionate work of the VRK staff as well as the joy, comradery and sense of accomplishment in our veterans and seniors.

Our nation owes our veterans, most especially those who suffered physical or mental trauma as a result of their service, our unwavering support. Veterans' Rowing and Kayaking is an innovative program that improves the quality of our veterans' lives by engaging them in physical wellness activities while creating a sense of unity and teamwork to achieve a common goal.

If you are considering supporting a VRK Club in your area, I highly recommend it! This organization changes veteran lives for the better.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jayme J. Stevenson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jayme J. Stevenson
First Selectman