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Ms. Bette Lou Higgins  
Eden Valley Enterprises  
1250 East River Street  
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Dear Ms. Higgins,

Thank you for sending me the information concerning the Grandma Gatewood program. In learning more about Ms. Gatewood, it is clear how she can serve as an inspiration for women everywhere – especially in Gallia County!

At the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, we celebrate our region's history of storytelling and believe strongly in sharing inspirational tales of the men and women of Appalachian Ohio who have had an impact on our region and beyond. It brings us great pleasure to know how many more people can be inspired by Grandma Gatewood's story of overcoming hardships and accomplishing remarkable achievements because you are working to spread her story throughout Ohio. Grandma Gatewood's story is certainly one that should be told and the Foundation is pleased to see that you are looking to bring her story to life through your documentary.

We look forward to hearing of the project's progress and to working with you as your organization brings this story to the public. Please keep us up to date on any future plans. Thank you again for sharing Emma's story with us and with others.

Sincerely,

Cara Dingus Brook  
President & CEO

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