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Sue Witherite

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Dear Ms. Witherite:

The South Central Assembly is pleased to support the development of the South Central Community Information Portal (COMPORT) initiative proposed by Penn State Harrisburg's Continuing Education unit and Institute of State and Regional Affairs. Penn State Harrisburg is to be applauded in continuing their long tradition of outreach and community support in South Central Pennsylvania. The proposed project is consistent with and provides significant value to our organization's community and economic development efforts.

Our expectation is that this system will provide public accessibility to critical information. It will not only assist businesses, planners, administrators, developers, and decision-makers, but also the public at large, helping them better understand the economic, community, environmental, and political dynamics of our region. Especially in these challenging economic times we all need resources to improve our ability to adjust and react to improve our economic and social stability.

We look forward to being fully engaged and supporting the development of this most needed resource in South Central Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

Sherri B. Zimmerman
Executive Director