



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Room 225, Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

As a result of recent legislative activity in the US Congress, it appears Pennsylvania will receive a portion of the FMAP funds upon which our current 2010/2011 budget is predicated. According to press reports, the amount Pennsylvania will receive will be \$255 million less than the \$850 million originally sought.

We write today to urge in the strongest possible terms before any other area of the budget is cut to reflect the missing \$255 million in revenue, you use your Executive authority to eliminate all discretionary grant programs, sometimes referred to as WAMS. So there can be no confusion as to the exact budget line items at issue, we believe the following funding should be eliminated from the budget.

• Local Gov Resources and Development	\$6,000,000
• Urban Development	\$10,558,000
• Community and Business Assistance	\$9,000,000
• Economic Growth and Development Assistance	\$3,092,000
• Community and Municipal Facility Assistance	\$3,000,000
• Regional Development Initiative	\$3,000,000
• Cultural Activities	\$2,400,000
• Community and Regional Development	\$4,156,000
• Tourism Accredited Zoos	\$500,000
• Digital Robotic Technology	\$196,000
• Opportunity Grant Program	\$17,828,000
• Customized Job Training	\$8,658,000
• Community Conservation and Employment	\$24,200,000
• Community Action Team	\$295,000

By eliminating these line items, we will save almost \$100 million and spare Education or other vital areas of the budget from even deeper cuts.

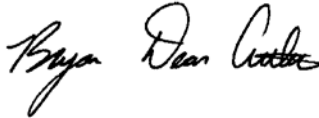
The above budget line items, for the most part, were either not funded in budget year 2009/2010 (when it was widely acknowledged that WAMS were not funded), were not funded as part of your original budget proposal, or both. They are line items over which legislative leaders or yourself have discretionary authority to determine the allocation and recipients of the funds. While some line items have names reflecting economic development for these troubled times, lets not engage in semantical discourse about the nature of these funds. They are to be used in a discretionary fashion and are therefore WAMS.

Thank you for considering this request which we believe is truly in the best interest of Pennsylvania's taxpayers.

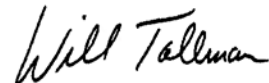
Very truly yours,



Curt Schroder
155th Legislative District



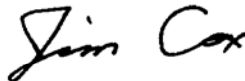
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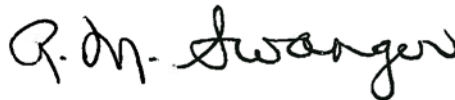
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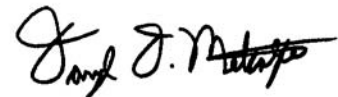
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