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Mr. Jones:

It was a pleasure speaking with you about the work we will be doing in Michigan's urban areas. As I explained, the Governor's Office of Urban and Metropolitan Initiatives is a joint creation of Governor Snyder and the Council of Michigan Foundations and is focused on matters relating to urban and regional economic initiatives in Michigan's core cities and urban areas.

Key goals of the office are to concentrate on urban core needs; to emphasize the power of partnerships between a broad range of stakeholders; and, ultimately, to assist our cities become centers where people want to live, work and prosper. To accomplish these goals, I am required to form an advisory committee to help define and assess the scope of this initiative. Thank you for agreeing to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee. Your input will be an invaluable component of this initiative.

Our next meeting is a day-long planning session on Friday, February 17, from 9am – 4pm at Innovatrium in Ann Arbor. Please confirm that you will be able to join us. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need more information, please email my assistant, Stacie Clayton, at claytons3@michigan.gov. Also, you may call me directly at 313.456.4994.

Sincerely,



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