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June 17, 2010

Dr. Alice F. Joyner  
Assistant Dean Outreach/Economic Development  
Virginia State University  
P. O. Box 9402  
Petersburg, Virginia 23806

Dear Dr. Joyner:

I was delighted to learn that Virginia State University is seeking funds through the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grants Program to address economically stressed conditions in underserved counties in Virginia. Southampton County is a rural community, founded in 1749, and owes its opulent economic heritage to agriculture and forestry. As you know, with the closing of International Paper's mill in Franklin, approximately 1,600 jobs have been affected, directly or indirectly. Based upon this fact, and given our current high rate of unemployment, we would welcome your efforts to deliver entrepreneurial, business management, and information technology programs that will educate, enable and support our citizens in starting, owning, and successfully operating profitable businesses.

As the County Administrator of Southampton, I embrace the opportunity to collaborate with you and your group as you seek to improve the economic well being of our citizens. I am poised to support your efforts and serve as a catalyst for recruitment of potential participants, in an advisory capacity, and in identifying local meeting space for joint meetings and workshops to facilitate the success of this project. We look forward to working with Virginia State University to help improve business opportunities in Southampton County.

A project of this magnitude is certainly a worthwhile pursuit. Again, I support your efforts and wish you success in acquiring the funds for which you seek. Thank you for including Southampton County as a component of your target market and for seeking our assistance in support of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Michael W. Johnson  
County Administrator

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June 4, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

## **Re: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative's application to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program administered by the Department of Commerce. As a community that is technologically underserved and located between two metropolitan areas of Virginia, we realize that the economic success for our businesses, institutions, and citizens is directly related to the communications infrastructure that is available. The current infrastructure is limited, at best. The application submitted by Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative will provide the necessary components to enhance and expand broadband access to our county and the region.

Recently, we have made substantial progress in upgrading the communications systems for our local public safety officials, and subsequently can continue this advancement with the implementation of fiber optics and the connectivity it will provide. With the recent closure of the largest industrial employer in the region, the addition of a reliable fiber optic network can stimulate economic growth, foster the entrepreneurial spirit and most importantly, create jobs.

The foundation for economic prosperity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is directly related to communications infrastructure. With this program being part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, we urge you to respectfully consider the request put forth by Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative and reinvest in our community and our people. By partnering together, we can focus our efforts on creating lasting prosperity for our nation.

Sincerely,

James A. Randolph  
Assistant County Administrator

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June 1, 2010

Dr. Douglas W. Boyce, President  
Paul D. Camp Community College  
Post Office Box 737  
Franklin, VA 23851

RE: College Board Appointments

Dear Dr. Boyce:

I am pleased to inform you of two recent appointments by the Southampton County Board of Supervisors to the Paul D. Camp Community College Board.

First, Ms. Kisha P. Watford has been reappointed to succeed herself beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014. You may recall that this will be Ms. Watford's first full term, as she was initially appointed to fill the final 6 months on Mrs. Alice Parker's unexpired term.

Second, Ms. Syretha C. Wright was appointed to succeed Mr. Louis Clayton beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014. Thank you in advance for contacting Ms. Wright to discuss Board orientation and informing her of the dates and times for regular Board meetings. Her address is:

Mrs. Syretha C. Wright  
P.O. Box 246  
Capron, VA 23829

Finally, Mr. A. Meredith Felts, Jr. will be nominated for reappointment to succeed himself at the next regular session on June 28. I'll be pleased to confirm the Board's action by the end of the month.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

Michael W. Johnson  
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cc: Kisha P. Watford  
Syretha C. Wright

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June 1, 2010

Dr. Alan W. Edwards  
29102 Millstone Circle  
Courtland, VA 23837

RE: Planning Commission appointment

Dear Dr. Edwards:

I am pleased to inform you of your recent reappointment to the Southampton County Planning Commission which was unanimously approved by the board of supervisors in their regular session of May 24, 2010.

Your term will now expire April 30, 2014.

On behalf of the board of supervisors, please accept my gratitude for your willingness to continue to serve as a Planning Commissioner.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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Michael W. Johnson  
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cc: Beth Lewis

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June 1, 2010

Mr. J. Michael Mann  
34105 Meherrin Road  
Boykins, VA 23827

RE: Planning Commission appointment

Dear Mr. Mann:

I am pleased to inform you of your recent reappointment to the Southampton County Planning Commission which was unanimously approved by the board of supervisors in their regular session of April 26, 2010.

Your term will now expire April 30, 2014.

On behalf of the board of supervisors, please accept my gratitude for your willingness to continue to serve as a Planning Commissioner.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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cc: Beth Lewis

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June 1, 2010

Mrs. Betty Sue Young  
25296 Delaware Road  
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Mrs. Young:

I am pleased to confirm your reappointment to the Blackwater Regional Library Board of Trustees which was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors. in their regular session of April 26, 2010.

Your term will now expire June 30, 2014.

On behalf of the board of supervisors, please accept my gratitude for your willingness to continue to serve.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Yvonne Hilliard-Bradley

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Ms. Gloria J. Evans  
24126 Bryants Church Road  
Capron, VA 23829

Dear Mrs. Evans:

I am pleased to inform you of your recent appointment to succeed Ms. Kay Pope on the Blackwater Regional Library Board of Trustees, unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors in their regular session of April 26, 2010.

Your term is effective immediately and will end June 30, 2013, after which you will be eligible for reappointment to another 4-year term.

I am delighted that you have agreed to serve on this board and confident that your input and direction will be of great benefit to patrons of library services. Southampton County has long been blessed with volunteers like you who devote a portion of their personal time for the benefit of all county citizens.

By copy of this letter, I am notifying Ms. Yvonne Hillard-Bradley, Director of the regional library, of your appointment. Ms. Hillard-Bradley, or her representative, will be contacting you in the near future to provide more information about service on the library board of trustees.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Johnson  
County Administrator

cc: Ms. Yvonne Hillard-Bradley

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May 26, 2010

Mr. John G. Rudy  
Assistant District Commissioner  
Colonial Virginia Council, BSA  
27059 Flaggy Run Road  
Courtland, VA 23837

RE: Eagle Scout Court of Honor  
Zachary Gurganus

Dear Mr. Rudy:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I am privileged and honored to provide this letter of commendation on the occasion of Zachary's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. He will join an elite order with only about four percent of all young men in Scouting in the United States achieving this prestigious rank.

The Eagle Scout Award represents a remarkable accomplishment for Zachary. He has demonstrated a keen understanding of teamwork and leadership and unquestionable commitment to duty — to God, country, and others.

This award represents strength of character, and is a permanent, visible symbol of what Zachary has accomplished. But perhaps more importantly, it represents the enormous potential that lies within him. His journey through Scouting has given him a strong appreciation of his Creator, his country and his fellow man — and instilled within him a strong desire to serve all three. I hope and pray that he'll never lose this passion for service.

On behalf of his native home, Southampton County, please convey to Zachary the pride that we share in his accomplishment. I'm confident that we can only expect even greater things from him as he enters adulthood.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Michael W. Johnson  
County Administrator

**mikejohnson**

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**From:** mikejohnson [mikejohnson@co.southampton.state.va.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2010 3:38 PM  
**To:** Stephen Blythe  
**Cc:** June Fleming  
**Subject:** DSS Consolidation Study

Steve,

At the request of the DSS Administrative Board, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last night to suspend further efforts on the consolidation study and to proceed in filling our vacant Executive Director position.

Mr. Dowless made the request on behalf of the Administrative Board. He noted that preliminary work on the study indicated that significant economic savings were not anticipated, and to date, no tangible benefits to DSS clients or the local taxpayers had been clearly identified. With our Executive Director position vacant since February 1, he encouraged the Board to move forward in seeking permanent leadership to foster and enhance organizational stability and to allow the staff to focus all of their efforts in serving their clients.

June, suspension of this effort shouldn't be regarded as diminished interest by our Board in collaborating with the City in areas where circumstances indicate clear mutual benefit – in this case, however, the mutual benefits haven't been identified and our compelling need to move forward in filling the vacant position dictates the Board's change in position.

To both of you and your respective staff members, please accept my gratitude for the time and energy you've invested. While this effort didn't yield any fruit, much of the preliminary work and analysis was enlightening and helpful to me. Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Mike

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May 25, 2010

Mr. Herbert L. Pegram  
Urban Development Area Planning Grant Coordinator  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment  
1401 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Mr. Pegram:

Notwithstanding approval last month, at their regular session on May 24, 2010, the Board of Supervisors reconsidered its prior acceptance of the \$50,000 UDA planning grant and directed me to notify you of its intention to suspend the work.

It is my understanding that the grant has not been obligated and the Renaissance Group has not proceeded with any work to date. Please accept my apology for the change of direction, and I hope that these funds will be made available to a deserving locality with a strong interest in the principles of new urbanism.

Very truly yours,

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May 25, 2010

Ms. Cynthia Brown, Secretary  
Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation  
P.O. Box 297  
Franklin, VA 23851

RE: Youth Activity Funding Application &  
Issue VII Waskehee Advertisement

Dear Ms. Brown:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your recent interest in our Youth Activity Funding process. We were gratified by the number of applications received and delighted to see so many organizations working with our local youth. While each program is outstanding in supporting the healthy growth and development of our young people in its own unique way, I regret to inform you that your application was not selected for funding at this time.

At the same time, the Board did however, authorize the purchase of a color advertisement on the inside front cover of your Tribal Journal, *Waskehee*. Enclosed herewith, please find remittance in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), made payable to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Heritage Foundation.

Please accept my very best wishes for a well attended and rain-free event.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Michael W. Johnson  
County Administrator

Enclosure