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Mr. Robert E. Gittler
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Dear Mr. Gittler:

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) is a regional planning organization that represents the sixteen local governments in Hampton Roads. The purpose of the HRPDC is to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing issues of regional significance. HRPDC leadership supports the collaborative effort that is underway between the HRPDC and the Hampton Roads Partnership (HRP) in developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Hampton Roads region. The HRP has taken the lead role in this initiative, as their Board membership brings together leaders from both the public and private sectors for the purpose of improving the region's competitiveness. I trust that this partnership between the HRPDC and HRP will add strength to the process of creating a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Hampton Roads.

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary

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