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Sent: Friday, January 11, 2008 8:14 AM
To: CT Strategic Plan
Subject: DECD - Economic Strategic Plan Forum

Commissioner McDonald, Dr. McMillen and DECD staff,

Thank you for coming to the University of Bridgeport and for holding various public sessions through out the State of Connecticut regarding the Economic Strategic Plan. I truly appreciated the Commissioner's comments at the end of the session related to integrating the various components (i.e. housing, healthcare, education, etc.). Decisions in each area of the strategic plan cannot be made without consideration given to the impact on other areas.

All the best to you as you complete the remaining public information sessions and initiate the focus groups into the next phase of the process. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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From: John Annick
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To Whom It May Concern:

I will be unable to attend one of the planned forums, however, my one comment on the State's Strategic Plan for Economic Development is that Education (from secondary to higher ed) must be closely linked with Workforce Development. They are not connected and do not participate with business in modifying their curriculums to meet the needs. They must be a viable partner. Education must change to meet the needs of the workforce 5, 10 or 20 years in the future and keep pace with the world's competitive situation (language skills to participate).

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