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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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REPORT:

1. ATE: The ATE collections in January are attached. For 12/28/12 through 1/10/13 collection collections were \$29,690, which net of the GATSO fee is \$19,322. For 1/11/13 through 1/27/13 the total was \$26,575, which net of the GATSO fee is \$17,584. The updated summary schedule is attached.
2. China:
Mayor's Muscatine-China Initiatives Committee□Dates:
February 13-15, 2013□A delegation from Hebei Province (Iowa's Sister-State) will be in Muscatine as part of the kick-off for Iowa-Hebei 30th anniversary celebrations. (Note that February 13 marks one year to the day of Xi Jinping's most recent visit to Muscatine.)□□
February 27, 2013□A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between Muscatine and the Wanxiang Group as part of the US State Department's "100,000 Strong" initiative. The arrangement will facilitate approximately 16 student and 3 adults to study for 4 weeks at Wanxiang Polytechnic in Hangzhou. China's Consul General from Chicago will attend the signing ceremony. (11am at Muscatine High School.)□□
March 17-20, 2013□Chinese artist, Professor Chun Arthur Wang, will be in Muscatine for a public event and many local appearances. His work will be on exhibit at the Muscatine Art Center March 10 to April 21.□□
March, 2013□A delegation from Zhending County will be in Muscatine to formalize the Sister City relationship between Muscatine and Zhending.□□
March, 2013□Muscatine High School Chinese language students Jenny Juehring and Michael Cox along with Orchestra Instructor Jonathan Thoma visit Zhending County as part of a music exchange.□□
April 4, 2013□Panel discussion on the Muscatine-China relationship featuring Sarah Lande, Mayor DeWayne Hopkins, and more. (Time TBD at Muscatine Art Center.)□□
June, 2013□The Chinese delegation to the World Pork Expo (Des Moines, IA) will visit Muscatine.□□
September, 2013□Four men who accompanied Xi Jinping on his 1985 visit to Muscatine will be part of a delegation visiting Muscatine.ED Brochure
3. Rep. Tom Sands: Please see the attached update from Rep. Tom Sands. I do not typically send these out as they are sent directly to your email. Just wanted to remind you that if you are interested in receiving these updates from Rep. Sands, Rep. Lofgren, Sen. Brase, or Rep. Kauffman, etc., you simply need to email them and ask to be added to their email updates.
4. Chamber: Please see the attached 4th Quarter Economic Development Update from the Chamber.
5. March In-Depth Session: Mississippi Drive Corridor Update and Mayor's Band Shell Presentation.

**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any
on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**

6. CIAT: Per Gary Carlson - Attached please find a summary sheet reflecting the brainstorming exercise we conducted at last CIAT meeting. This list will be presented to the University of Iowa for the Sustainable Community project. Rich Dwyer will be the University of Iowa contact for the initiative for CIAT.
7. Art Center: Please see the attached brochure from the Art Center. Here is a brief summary of the new program they are offering - Are you responsible for the historic documents, photographs and objects belonging to your organization, church or family? The Muscatine Art Center and Musser Public Library are teaming up to provide a basic overview to caring for collections. Attendees will learn about ways to provide basic collections care on a small budget and without professional training. Discussion topics will include organizing materials, storing materials in a more stable environment, handling and exhibiting materials to limit the risk of damage, and digitizing records and photographs. Art Center Registrar Virginia Cooper will cover the basics of working with acid-free materials for storage. She will examine storage for textiles, books, and historic documents. Sheila Chaudoin, Photo Archivist at Musser Public Library, will discuss photograph and photo negative storage and scanning and managing digitized images. The free session will take place on Thursday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the Music Room at the Muscatine Art Center. The session will last approximately 1 hour plus time for questions. To register in advance, call [563-263-8282](tel:563-263-8282) or email malexander@muscatineiowa.gov.

City of Muscatine
Automated Traffic Enforcement System
Summary of Tickets Collected by GATSO

Date Range		Collections		GATSO Fee	Net City	Fiscal Year	Cumulative
From	To	Amount	Number	(\$27/pd ticket)	Revenue	Amount (City)	Total (City)
FY 2010/2011							
4/26/2011	5/10/2011	\$ 16,400.00	218	\$ 5,886.00	\$ 10,514.00	\$ 10,514.00	
5/11/2011	5/26/2011	59,225.00	779	21,033.00	38,192.00	48,706.00	
5/27/2011	6/10/2011	77,080.00	1,011	27,297.00	49,783.00	98,489.00	
6/11/2011	6/25/2011	73,115.00	945	25,515.00	47,600.00	146,089.00	
6/26/2011	6/30/2011	26,570.00	338	9,126.00	17,444.00	163,533.00	
(Fiscal Yr-End Cutoff)							
Subtotal - FY 2010/2011		\$ 252,390.00	3,291	\$ 88,857.00	\$ 163,533.00		\$ 163,533.00
FY 2011/2012							
7/1/2011	7/10/2011	\$ 31,790.00	405	\$ 10,935.00	\$ 20,855.00	\$ 20,855.00	184,388.00
7/11/2011	7/26/2011	99,105.00	1,264	34,128.00	64,977.00	85,832.00	249,365.00
7/27/2011	8/10/2011	82,675.00	1,065	28,755.00	53,920.00	139,752.00	303,285.00
8/11/2011	8/26/2011	68,265.00	870	23,490.00	44,775.00	184,527.00	348,060.00
8/27/2011	9/10/2011	51,010.00	642	17,334.00	33,676.00	218,203.00	381,736.00
9/11/2011	9/26/2011	63,040.00	798	21,546.00	41,494.00	259,697.00	423,230.00
9/27/2011	10/10/2011	39,675.00	496	13,392.00	26,283.00	285,980.00	449,513.00
10/11/2011	10/27/2011	52,915.00	672	18,144.00	34,771.00	320,751.00	484,284.00
10/28/2011	11/10/2011	34,910.00	446	12,042.00	22,868.00	343,619.00	507,152.00
11/11/2011	11/25/2011	36,410.00	459	12,393.00	24,017.00	367,636.00	531,169.00
11/26/2011	12/10/2011	31,235.00	400	10,800.00	20,435.00	388,071.00	551,604.00
12/11/2011	12/27/2011	28,250.00	352	9,504.00	18,746.00	406,817.00	570,350.00
12/28/2011	1/10/2012	37,060.00	478	12,906.00	24,154.00	430,971.00	594,504.00
1/11/2012	1/26/2012	41,130.00	528	14,256.00	26,874.00	457,845.00	621,378.00
1/27/2012	2/10/2012	37,225.00	481	12,987.00	24,238.00	482,083.00	645,616.00
2/11/2012	2/24/2012	24,230.00	307	8,289.00	15,941.00	498,024.00	661,557.00
2/25/2012	3/10/2012	27,120.00	347	9,369.00	17,751.00	515,775.00	679,308.00
3/11/2012	3/26/2012	28,690.00	366	9,882.00	18,808.00	534,583.00	698,116.00
3/27/2012	4/10/2012	26,460.00	342	9,234.00	17,226.00	551,809.00	715,342.00
4/11/2012	4/25/2012	44,465.00	573	15,471.00	28,994.00	580,803.00	744,336.00
4/26/2012	5/10/2012	34,050.00	434	11,718.00	22,332.00	603,135.00	766,668.00
5/11/2012	5/26/2012	35,300.00	446	12,042.00	23,258.00	626,393.00	789,926.00
5/27/2012	6/10/2012	31,130.00	403	10,881.00	20,249.00	646,642.00	810,175.00
6/11/2012	6/25/2012	52,415.00	668	18,036.00	34,379.00	681,021.00	844,554.00
6/26/2012	6/30/2012	20,765.00	267	7,209.00	13,556.00	694,577.00	858,110.00
Total - FY 2011/2012		\$ 1,059,320.00	13,509	\$ 364,743.00	\$ 694,577.00	Fiscal Year total before MCA collections	
FY 2012/2013							
7/1/2012	7/10/2012	\$ 40,360.00	517	\$ 13,959.00	\$ 26,401.00	\$ 26,401.00	1,048,044.00
7/11/2012	7/26/2012	56,520.00	723	19,521.00	36,999.00	63,400.00	1,085,043.00
7/27/2012	8/10/2012	52,805.00	668	18,036.00	34,769.00	98,169.00	1,119,812.00
8/11/2012	8/26/2012	44,170.00	559	15,093.00	29,077.00	127,246.00	1,148,889.00
8/27/2012	9/10/2012	49,420.00	624	16,848.00	32,572.00	159,818.00	1,181,461.00

9/11/2012	9/26/2012	56,340.00	709	19,143.00	37,197.00	197,015.00	1,218,658.00
9/27/2012	10/10/2012	45,655.00	581	15,687.00	29,968.00	226,983.00	1,248,626.00
10/11/2012	10/27/2012	52,895.00	676	18,252.00	34,643.00	261,626.00	1,283,269.00
10/28/2012	11/10/2012	39,395.00	501	13,527.00	25,868.00	287,494.00	1,309,137.00
11/11/2012	11/25/2012	25,540.00	322	8,694.00	16,846.00	304,340.00	1,325,983.00
11/26/2012	12/10/2012	34,155.00	435	11,745.00	22,410.00	326,750.00	1,348,393.00
12/11/2012	12/27/2012	36,205.00	459	12,393.00	23,812.00	350,562.00	1,372,205.00
12/28/2012	1/10/2013	29,690.00	384	10,368.00	19,322.00	369,884.00	1,391,527.00
1/11/2013	1/27/2013	26,575.00	333	8,991.00	17,584.00	387,468.00	1,409,111.00

Total - FY 2011/2012	<u>\$ 589,725.00</u>	<u>7,491</u>	<u>\$ 202,257.00</u>	<u>\$ 387,468.00</u>	Fiscal Year total before MCA collections
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Total to Date	<u><u>\$ 1,311,710.00</u></u>	<u><u>16,800</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 453,600.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 858,110.00</u></u>
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Summary of Tickets Forwarded to MCA Collection Service

Unpaid Amounts to MCA from GATSO					MCA Collections					
Date to MCA	Number		Amount		Payment date from MCA	Number		Payments		MEMO Number Canceled
	Current	Cumulative	Current	Cumulative		Current inc. Partials	Cumulative	Current	Cumulative	
7/7/2011	144	144	\$ 15,990.00	\$ 15,990.00	8/12/2011					
8/1/2011	417	561	46,440	62,430.00	(July collections)	26	26	\$ 2,694.06	\$ 2,694.06	3
9/6/2011	364	925	40,565	102,995.00	9/12/2011	(21 full or pd in full pmts)				
10/4/2011	477	1,402	53,395	156,390.00	(Aug collections)	74	100	7,438.75	10,132.81	9
10/31/2011	288	1,690	32,345	188,735.00	10/14/2011	(60 full or pd in full pmts)				
11/23/2011	191	1,881	21,750	210,485.00	(Sept collections)	98	198	9,682.38	19,815.19	1
12/30/2011	276	2,157	30,895	241,380.00	11/10/2011	(76 full or pd in full pmts)				
1/26/2012	144	2,301	16,085	257,465.00	(Oct collections)	150	348	13,938.33	33,753.52	12
2/27/2012	198	2,499	22,150	279,615.00	12/12/2011	(101 full or pd in full pmts)				
3/30/2012	215	2,714	24,065	303,680.00	(Nov collections)	128	476	10,224.38	43,977.90	1
4/26/2012	131	2,845	14,660	318,340.00	1/9/2012	(87 full or paid in full pmts)				
5/31/2012	237	3,082	26,425	344,765.00	(Dec collections)	115	591	8,945.93	52,923.83	1
6/28/2012	213	3,295	24,080	368,845.00	2/9/2012	(57 full or pd in full pmts)				
7/30/2012	259	3,554	29,040	397,885.00	(Jan collections)	112	703	9,725.62	62,649.45	0
8/30/2012	336	3,890	37,905	435,790.00		(75 full or pd in full pmts)				
9/27/2012	313	4,203	35,320	471,110.00	GATSO Portion of Collections		703	(12,879.00)	49,770.45	
10/26/2012	218	4,421	24,255	495,365.00	July-Jan (477 tickets)					
11/30/2012	311	4,732	34,710	530,075.00	(Feb collections)	115	818	10,182.02	59,952.47	1
12/31/2012	256	4,988	28,560	558,635.00		(93 full or pd in full pmts)				
1/31/2013	217	5,205	24,820	583,455.00	(Mar collections)	85	903	7,449.22	67,401.69	0
						(63 full or pd in full pmts)				
					(Apr collections)	98	1,001	8,054.93	75,456.62	2
						(65 full or pd in full pmts)				
					(May collections)	98	1,099	7,988.47	83,445.09	3
						(65 full or pd in full pmts)				
					(Jun collections)	107	1,206	8,403.18	91,848.27	1
						(68 full or pd in full pmts)				
					GATSO Portion of Collections		1,206	(9,747.00)	82,101.27	
					Feb-June (361 tickets)				Fiscal Year net total	
								Cumulative		
					(July collections)	110	1,316	8,892.61	90,993.88	

	(74 full or pd in full pmts)				
(Aug collections)	108	1,424	9,295.97	100,289.85	
	(79 full or pd in full pmts)				
(Sept collections)	111	1,535	10,174.39	110,464.24	
	(80 full or pd in full pmts)				
(Oct collections)	125	1,660	10,852.47	121,316.71	
	(87 full or pd in full pmts)				
(Nov collections)	122	1,782	10,151.66	131,468.37	1
	(81 full or pd in full pmts)				
(Dec collections)	156	1,938	11,813.15	143,281.52	
	(95 full or pd in full pmts)				

IOWA INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

1. Community Pride
 - a. Appearance
 - b. Research focus groups
2. Blue Zones
 - a. Riverfront
 - b. Certifications to become Blue Zones Community
 - c. Healthy alternatives on menus in community
 - d. Obesity
3. Community Branding
 - a. How, what, process, etc.
4. Community Landscaping
 - a. Gateways (Mark Twain, etc.)
 - b. Master plan
 - c. Signature event
5. Mississippi Drive Corridor Project
6. Transportation
 - a. Trails/Walking community
 - b. Bicycles
 - c. Signage
 - d. Networking all trails & routes in the community
7. Dog Park
 - a. Design
 - b. Location
8. Technology
 - a. Linked Community
 - b. Twitter, Facebook, etc.
 - c. Wi-Fi public locations
9. Band Shell
 - a. Location – Mayor working on details
 - b. Project planning
 - c. Community acceptance (financial support)
10. Phase III/Soccer field expansion
11. Community Economic/Retail Marketing
 - a. Restaurants
 - b. Retail
 - c. Entertainment
12. CVB
 - a. Best practices
13. Population Growth
 - a. YPN
 - b. Entrepreneurs
 - c. Skilled laborer
 - d. Education training opportunities

14. Historic District
 - a. Best practices
 - b. Investment/Maintaining
 - c. Zoning
15. Non-Profit Management/Leadership
 - a. Organizations
 - b. Efficiency & Effectiveness
 - c. Reciprocity/Joint management
 - d. Culture/Arts/Entertainment incubation
 - e. Leverage
16. Mississippi Riverfront
 - a. Maximize
 - b. Utilize
 - c. Prioritize
 - d. Market
 - e. Retail/Culture/Entertainment
17. Community Needs Assessment
18. Land/Building Use
 - a. Best & Highest use
 - b. Public & Private
 - c. Incentives
 - d. Arts/Cultural Places
19. Signage/Way Finding
 - a. Lighting
 - b. Kiosks/Information for community events
 - c. Electronic Billboards (City Compliance)
 - d. Leverage
20. Grant Writing
 - a. Processes
 - b. Support
 - c. Funding
 - d. Incorporate in each project
21. Downtown
 - a. Revitalize
 - b. Rejuvenate
22. Convention Center
 - a. Button Factory
 - b. Other locations
 - c. Brand/Business Model

Economic Development Update

4th Quarter 2012

The New Year is underway and it is time for us to report on our activities for the last quarter. Our quarterly reports are intended to inform those of you who have made commitments to our continuing efforts to improve the economy of Muscatine of our activities and progress. We truly appreciate your confidence in our efforts, and will strive to be worthy of those commitments

Strategy 1 - BUILD GROWTH FROM WITHIN

Existing Business Retention: Work closely with existing business, large and small, to understand needs and road blocks to growth and expansion. Work with all necessary financial, educational/training, governmental bodies, and other organizations needed to make expansion and growth possible.

HNI's expansion project at their Oak Laminate Plant in downtown Muscatine has made significant strides since our last update. This important project to bring new jobs and capabilities to our community is an excellent example of GMCCI partnering with local industry to strengthen Muscatine.



Courtesy Muscatine Journal

Work continues to garner support from the county for the new Van Meter location. Recognition by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors of the value of this investment is indicative of a solid public private partnership to insure Muscatine remains a business friendly and prosperous community.

Muscatine's Northern Filter Media, Inc. has become one of the first companies in Iowa to pilot the State's Economic Gardening program. This effort has brought the expertise of the University Northern Iowa's Economic Gardening Team to assist the company with growth plans through the use of their ability to do market research. We will report more on this project once the engagement is complete.



Strategy 2 - BUILD GROWTH THROUGH ATTRACTION

Targeted External Marketing: Working with the members of Quad-Cities First Economic Development Region, Iowa's Economic Development Authority, the City, and County, target priority industries/businesses that are a fit for Muscatine.

During this period GMCCI has responded to the Iowa Economic Development Authority on four projects and to three requests from the Quad-Cities Region. One of these projects has resulted in a visit by a prospect. This project has not yet closed, and we are prepared to meet the requirements of the customer should the opportunity present itself.

Efforts to increase our visibility to prospects for relocation to our area have continued. We are working with the Quad-Cities First Region to refine our product offering. That offering includes the properties available for a potential company as well as the way our community is marketed to prospects.

During this period we asked the team from the Quad-Cities First Region to Muscatine to give the Economic Development Committee as well as our Muscatine County partners an overview of the new region's offering and processes. This informative meeting brought the groups together that will market our region through site consultant and company visits, trade shows, and print. We believe this meeting raised the confidence of the participants that joining the new economic development region, Quad-Cities First Region, was the right choice.

We have become more engaged in the Mayor's China Initiative. We will participate at an increased level to facilitate the Business Trade Sub-Committee. We have much to learn about how to go to market with this new opportunity, but believe it is an opportunity we must not take lightly.

Strategy 3 - BUILDS READINESS FOR GROWTH

Workforce Development: In collaboration with local business, networking organizations (YPN), and educational institutions, continue to work to ensure an adequate supply of a technologically savvy, well trained, diverse, and capable workforce- a workforce that is prepared to meet the needs of both existing and future employers within Muscatine and the region.

Iowa's legislative Session of 2013 is now underway. We anticipate a heightened sense of urgency and increased activity to address the concerns about the ability of Iowa's workforce of the future to meet the needs of business. We will keep you informed of the State's progress through our Legislative Up-Dates.

One area of agreement in the effort to enable the future workforce is the state's initiative to focus on the STEM areas of study. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. These core capabilities hold the keys to the success of the workforce of the future and their success will determine the success of Iowa. We are participating with the iExplore STEM Festival Project Team to assist with the first of these events in our region. This festival, to be held at the Lucille A. Carver Mississippi River Environmental Research Station the afternoon of May 4, will bring area students a real world understanding of the need to concentrate on Science, Technology, Math and Engineering. There are opportunities for many to support this effort through direct participation of having a booth on the site, volunteering your time or through financial support. You can learn more about this important effort at: <http://iexplorestem.org/muscatine/>

We have taken an active role in the development of Muscatine's comprehensive plan by participating in all four of their sub-committees Economic Development, Infrastructure, Quality of Life and Land Use. These committees will soon wrap up their work and forward their results to the City Council for their approvals.



Strategy 4 - BUILDS PARTNERSHIPS FOR GROWTH

Coalitions: Build and leverage coalitions to connect organizations and businesses with resources in the region, the state and beyond to support growth.

Our relationships with the Quad-Cities First region, the City and County of Muscatine grow stronger as we work together with the common goal of growing our community's economic well-being. Projects like the IStem Festival provide us further opportunities to build on our willingness and capabilities to provide support to Muscatine.

Strategy 5 - BUILDS STRENGTH FOR OPPORTUNITY

Develop and Maintain a Marketing Toolbox: Develop and deploy those tools necessary to effectively market Muscatine both internally and externally.

We continue to update and revise the GMCCI website. This is one of the most important weapons in our arsenal for attracting projects to the community. We will continue to enhance and update this site as the opportunities present themselves.

We constantly update the property database we use in conjunction with Iowa Economic Development Authority. The site's name is Location One Information System (LOIS) and it can be found at <http://www.locationone.com>. If there are properties you would like to have shared with the state and site consultants for their prospects please contact us as we will work with you to get the site listed. This is a service we provide at no cost.

If you are making plans to expand, or if you have an idea about how we might assist you in your efforts to Ignite Muscatine, please let us know. We are here to serve.

Economic Development Committee

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News from the Hill...

The first bill to the Governor for his signing lowers Iowans taxes and the passage of this bill early in session will save the state approximately \$400,000. We have completed our fourth week in session, which is the half way mark for the first funnel date. This week the house had its first debate on the house floor. The first bill debated, HF 110/SF 106, came from the Ways and Means Committee. I assigned this bill to my vice-chair; he is in his first year in the legislature. So this was his first experience in running a bill through the process. HF 110 updates the Code of Iowa to incorporate changes to the federal Internal Revenue Code (IRC) enacted by Congress for the period of January 1, 2012, through January 1, 2013, including the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. The bill did not couple with certain bonus depreciation provisions. The bill passed the senate 48-0 and passed the house 99-0. The bill is heading to the Governor for his signing. This is important for Iowa taxpayers and tax preparers as they are busy preparing tax returns now.

Public Safety...

One of the bills we passed in the House Public Safety Committee this week, HSB 49, is a study bill for establishing a child endangerment offense for the mother of a newborn child who caused an illegal drug to be present in the newborn child's body, and providing a penalty. This bill passed out of committee with 15 voting aye and 6 voting nay. The intent of this bill is to deter pregnant women from taking drugs and to seek treatment. I am not sure if this bill is the solution, but we all agree there is a growing problem. I voted for this bill in committee.

Drainage & Levee District Consolidation...

This week the House Ag Committee passed HF 49, which is a bill I filed on behalf of the Two Rivers Levee & Drainage Association. HF 49 allows three drainage districts and a levee district to consolidate into one new encompassing district by a unanimous vote. The measure creates a new provision that provides authority for a consolidation of districts governed by elected trustees if the size of the new district is larger than 35,000 acres and it has a pumping station. The purpose for this legislation is to enable greater administrative and operational efficiency of operation of four cooperating existing districts which has been essentially functioning the last several years as if it were one entity, sharing employees and equipment. The bill is drafted to go into effect upon enactment and it is heading to the House Floor for debate.

Revenue Growth Continues...

The Legislative Services Agency released the January 2013 Revenue report on Friday afternoon, and state revenue continues to outpace the official projections.

State revenue for January was 9.0 percent higher than January 2012. For the year, revenue is running at 9.1% growth, significantly higher than the 3.3% projected by the Revenue Estimating Conference last December 12th. In terms of dollars, the first seven months have produced an additional \$313.7 million in revenue. The REC projection is for revenue growth of \$204.4 million for the entire year. Most of the growth is coming from personal income tax receipts.

Projected Growth to Slow Down...

The monthly survey of business leaders and supply managers conducted by Creighton University shows that growth is expected to be slow for the next three to sixth months. The overall index rose to 53.2 for the month of January, up from December's 49.5. The index represents a range from 0-100, with values below 50 showing negative movement, values above 50 showing positive growth, and an index of 50 represents neutrality, neither growing nor declining. The Mid-America Business Conditions Index encompasses a nine-state region, including Iowa. While growth may be expected the present growth is not expected to continue. As governments are preparing their budgets this is good information to have. The worse possible practice is to spend everything when times are good, because the cupboard is bare when times get bad.

Let me know what you think...

I always like to hear feedback on issues that are important to you. I can serve you best when I know what is important to you.

"We should measure welfare's success by how many people leave welfare, not by how many are added." – Ronald Reagan

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Until next time,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Sands".

Tom Sands