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The Honorable Mayor Dane Slater and Troy City Council
Brian Kischnick, Troy City Manager
500 W. Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48084

Dear Mayor Slater, Troy City Council and Mr. Kischnick:

I write to you very belatedly to express my sincere thanks to Cathy Russ, Troy Public Library Director and by connection, the City of Troy for hosting a training on eResources added this summer to the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) in support of economic and small business development throughout the state of Michigan. Ms. Russ and the library staff realize the importance of the library's role in economic development in their community and did an exemplary job of inviting those working in that area to the training on August 21st. Glenn Lapin, Economic and Community Development Specialist was in attendance and I believe he was particularly impressed with the depth and breadth of MeL's business resources and in knowing that he can get assistance and support from Cathy's staff at Troy Public Library.

Michigan libraries are increasingly aware of the importance of supporting and providing resources for economic development for those entrepreneurs and small business owners who are either starting or growing a business in the community. I know that Ms. Russ and her staff are already doing that in Troy. We at the Library of Michigan, are happy to provide the core resources within the Michigan eLibrary for libraries and all Michigan residents to help make our state the best place to be in America!

My sincere thanks to Library Director Cathy Russ and to the City of Troy for supporting and promoting MeL resources for your residents.

Kind regards,

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