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CITY OF TROY  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Mayor Louise E. Schilling  
City of Troy  
500 W. Big Beaver Rd.  
Troy, MI 48084

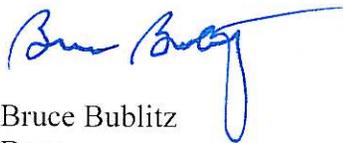
Dear Mayor Schilling:

I want to congratulate you and the City of Troy on being a top-performing community in the 2007 Entrepreneurial Cities Index. As you know, the study identifies the local factors that encourage entrepreneurial and economic growth. The project compliments other research by iLabs that assists public and private organizations in advancing the economic competitiveness of the metropolitan Detroit region and the State of Michigan.

The City of Troy's efforts to attract and retain business development are important to the future of Michigan's economy. As the region's traditional economic base faces uncertain conditions, the entrepreneurial spirit will provide opportunities for business success and job growth.

I look forward to seeing you and members of your staff at the luncheon in March. Once again, congratulations and thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,



Bruce Bublitz  
Dean

Cc: Brian Murphy