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Gentlemen:

The South West Communities Chamber of Commerce is a regional chamber of commerce supporting the Borough of Bridgeville, the Townships of Collier, Heidelberg, South Fayette, Scott, and surrounding communities. Our membership is comprised of industrial, professional, retail, social services, municipal agencies, and concerned citizens. Our primary purpose is to advance the commercial, financial, industrial and civic interests of the communities we serve.

Having reviewed the documentation provided, listened to testimony given, and considered the typography and location of the property, the South West Communities Chamber of Commerce would support the redevelopment of that portion of the Mayview State Hospital property located in South Fayette Township as a business park in a manner respectful of its setting and the environment. Reuse of the property as a business park would not only benefit the Township and its school district by providing additional tax revenue, but has the potential to enhance the existing business districts of surrounding communities as well. As an example, merchants in Bridgeville, Collier and Upper St. Clair currently providing dining, shopping, and entertainment could see increased business and opportunities for growth.

The Chamber thanks Senator Pippy and Representative Kotik for their commitment to the Task Force and this important regional issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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