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Bernard Navatto Jr., Chairman
Somerset County Planning Board
Somerset County Administration Building
20 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3000
Somerville, NJ 08876

**RE: Follow-up to Somerset County's Priority Growth Investment Area Meetings held
December 5, 6 and 7, 2011**

Dear Chairman Navatto:

As a follow up to the County's December meeting on Priority Growth Investment Areas, I am writing on behalf of the Borough of Raritan Governing Body to confirm its support for the County Planning Division's efforts to identify **Priority Growth Investment Areas (PGIAs)** consistent with the intent of the Draft Final State Strategic Plan, as well as **Local Priority Areas (LPAs)** countywide. The Borough of Raritan supports the inclusion of the PGIAs and LPAs that are listed in attached Table 1, "PGIA Pre-Screening Criteria Table" for Borough of Raritan in the "Countywide **PGIA** and **LPA** Framework", which will be adopted as part of the County's Strategic Plan Update. This table has been reviewed and refined by the Borough of Raritan Planning Board. The Board also supports the use of the "Countywide **PGIA** and **LPA** Framework" in the Somerset County Business Partnership's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) initiative, which is recently underway. Toward this goal, we will work with the County Planning Division during the coming month to define appropriate parcel-based boundaries for these areas.

Borough of Raritan supports the County's efforts to have these **PGIAs** recognized by the State, and therefore become eligible for state incentives and targeted economic growth opportunities pursuant to the Final Draft State Strategic Plan, as well as enhance the local and regional economy.

We understand that once the Final Draft State Strategic Plan is adopted, we may be required to work with the County to address any additional State requirements associated with substantiating the **PGIAs** and demonstrating municipal support, in order for our **PGIAs** to be formally accepted by the State, and therefore eligible for new State incentives and priority investments.

We look forward to working in partnership with the County Planning Board in the immediate future to complete this initiative.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Liptak
Jo Ann Liptak, Mayor