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RE: Reports Regarding Rehabilitation under the MRERA

Dear Mr. Primas:

As the end of the Rehabilitation Term of the Municipal Rehabilitation and Economic Recovery Act ("Rehabilitation Act") approaches, it is appropriate to note several key statutory milestones.

A review of the Act highlights that there are several documentary milestones that were to have been met and ones to come. This letter is to highlight those items, asks that documents be submitted to the Division of Local Government Services, and to ensure that the City understands its obligations over the coming months.

Pursuant to the law, the Rehabilitation Term began on October 28, 2002 and therefore, in accordance with Section 8 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Chief Operating Officer must submit a report to the State by October 28, 2006, that evaluates the "progress made in rehabilitating the qualified municipality, and the status of economic recovery efforts, recommendations, and if continuation (of Rehabilitation) is necessary." In addition, the report "...shall include detailed information as to how the funds appropriated [for the Rehabilitation] are being spent and how these expenditures are serving to promote the economic revitalization of the...community." We anticipate receiving that report by October 28, 2006.

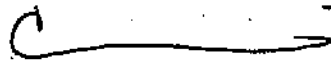
The Rehabilitation Act also requires several reports related to the rehabilitation effort that should have been prepared during the course of the past three years. We do not have copies

of these reports and would appreciate it if you would send these documents to DCA by August 1, 2006:

1. Management Study (Section 12), including:
  - a. Changes made to the City's administrative structures (Section 12)
  - b. Review of municipal organizational plan with management structure and personnel needs
  - c. Analysis and recommendations regarding appropriate pay scales
  - d. Evaluation of qualification levels of departmental employees with appropriate input from the Department of personnel
  - e. Changes to the municipality's administrative code
2. Remedial Human Resources Plan (Section 14)
3. Bi-annual (October 2004) report to the Local Finance Board on the progress of Camden toward achieving municipal rehabilitation and economic recovery, including any recommendations for specific changes to the law that would facilitate the goal of rehabilitating Camden. (Section 29).

Thank you for your attention to these issues. We look forward to receiving the documents.

Sincerely,



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Division of Local Government Services

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