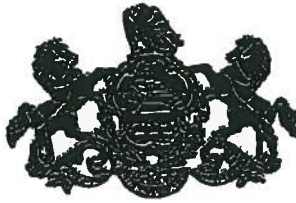


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Dear Mr. Naples:

Ron-

As a member of the Stimulus Oversight Commission, I am writing to you regarding a Pennsylvania project which has been awarded \$99.7 million in federal stimulus dollars; the Keystone Initiative for Network Based Education & Research (KINBER) and the establishment of the Pennsylvania Research & Education Network (PennRen). Because of its size and scope (one of the largest ARRA awards in the country), many questions have arisen regarding KINBER/PennRen and its creation and management of a statewide fiber optics network. Accordingly, my colleague and chairman of the Senate Communications and Technology Committee, Sen. Mike Folmer, recently held a hearing on KINBER/PennRen, and has scheduled another in the coming weeks; as a number of important questions remain outstanding.

Know that I share Sen. Folmer's concern in fully vetting this substantial award and expenditure of stimulus dollars here in Pennsylvania. Therefore, I am requesting that you, as Chief Accountability Officer for Pennsylvania's share of ARRA funding, provide any assistance which may be within the scope and responsibilities of the Commission in helping secure definitive answers regarding the KINBER/PennRen project, serving to ensure transparency in how these stimulus dollars are being spent here in Pennsylvania.

If you have any questions or would like to meet and discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable James P. Creedon, Chief Implementation Officer
The Honorable Mike Folmer, Senator, 48th District