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Dear Mr. Kemp:

This letter is to confirm our phone conversation of January 13, 2004, in which we discussed the need for ALL Arkansas counties to have official county websites.

There is now doubt this is a very real need in our State. At present, most Arkansas counties do not have websites. County government budget constraints are a primary impediment to successful fulfillment of this important county government need.

Any project or program that would enable the deployment of websites, for Arkansas counties without them, would be very welcome. It would enable local and county governments to better realize the efficiency and convenience of eGovernment. It would help provide easy access to information important to taxpayers, make possible eGovernment applications which save both constituent time and money and it would greatly enhance economic development efforts throughout the State. There is little doubt that if all Arkansas counties had websites there would also be many potential benefits at the State level.

Initiatives such as the "Help Americans Vote Act" and "Online Tax Payments" would surely benefit greatly by all Arkansas counties having official websites. Official county websites would also surely benefit many other local and county level initiatives in multiple ways, plus also foster increased awareness of the tremendous potential eGovernment benefits to all Arkansans.

I would like to take this opportunity to strongly encourage efforts to fill this gap in our State's eGovernment efforts. I would also like to offer my enthusiastic assistance in any way I can help.

Should you or your office need any further information, please, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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