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Subject: RE: Favor....

Yeah, I'd probably soften it by striking the last two sentences in that first paragraph. Maybe just replace them with a statement along the lines that we'll continue to seek their input, etc. The news that the website's coming along will hopefully help to reassure them. Thanks.

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From: Kovacs, Elisabeth [mailto:EKovacs@dew.sc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 5:36 PM
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Hey,

Do you have a problem with me sending the below out to our stakeholders? It may be too harsh. I am frustrated with everyone complaining that they are not being kept in the loop. I may be over it tomorrow and change my mind about sending this out but at least wanted your feedback!

Enjoyed our visit Monday. I look forward to working with you and thanks for allowing us the ability to plow ahead with everything. See you next week.

EK

The Certified Work Ready Community State Leadership Team will be attending their second Academy session next week in Iowa City. As promised, and as we continue to develop the platform for the SC Work Ready Community initiative, we will provide you with as much information as we have and also seek your input when feasible. As I have mentioned in earlier emails, SC applied to be a pilot state in ACT's Certified Work Ready Communities initiative. ACT developed the structure and although states have some flexibility and input in the process, data, etc., there are many things that ACT has in place that we will not be able to re-structure. Additionally, as we seek input from the various stakeholder groups, it will be impossible to please everyone. The State Leadership Team will take all suggestions/comments into account but ultimately, we have been charged by Governor Haley, with ACT's guidance on how to roll this program out in our state.

In an effort to minimize confusion, misunderstanding or misinformation around this initiative, a website will hopefully be up and running by the end of April. This will allow for an outlet for everyone to have access to the same information as well as provide reliable information on the status of the initiative and things to come.

Information will be forwarded to all stakeholders by the following team members:

DEW-Workforce Administrator's, Economic Development, COG Directors and State Chamber
State Tech-College Presidents, Continuing Ed Deans, readySC, Apprenticeship Carolina
DOE-local Adult Ed offices, K-12, REC Coordinators
Voc Rehab-local Voc Rehab offices

SCMA-membership (as applicable)

Please feel free to forward this on to those in your communities. Thanks and I look forward to sharing what we learned in Iowa and our next steps.