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FYI—We'll wait and see what the outcomes are, if any. I do think the meeting went better than expected Friday.

Thanks David and Joe for your input and your questions.

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Secretary Meyer just briefed me about his visit to Iowa City and meeting with Martin Scaglione, CEO of ACT's Workforce Division.

In summary, the meeting went very well and Martin seemed to agree with our concerns. When asked if these were just Kentucky's concerns, Secretary Meyer let him know that he had been authorized by South Carolina and Oregon specifically to bring their concerns to light as well. There was discussion about the grey data box on the web site, the data buckets and how both of these do not necessarily present an accurate picture of a community, they also discussed the issue with regard to regional versus in-county employers and the other specific concerns sent to me by the Kentucky, Oregon and South Carolina teams.

Many of these issues were couched in a discussion that dealt with the bigger issue of communication (or lack thereof). Martin indicated his vision for the National WRC program was like ACT was the NFL and each state was the owner of a franchise. He believes that it is ACT's role to support what the owners determine the rules should be and how everything should operate... that they work for us. Secretary Meyer pointed out that this is definitely not how this academy had been approached and there was a lack of willingness on the part of ACT to listen to "the owners."

Martin suggested that we need to get everyone together and get resolution to these issues.

Secretary Meyer left the meeting with the impression that all of our concerns would be addressed and resolved to our satisfaction.

Based on my prior experience with Martin, he is a very reasonable and conscientious leader at ACT, a man of his word and follows up in a prompt fashion. I would expect that we will all hear from either Martin or Debra soon regarding some movement on these matters.

Secretary Meyer encouraged the Kentucky team to reconsider our position about not attending a fifth meeting should one be scheduled, provided it is a meeting to resolve these issues and not a "celebratory dinner."

I will keep y'all in the loop if we get any follow up individually. The same would be appreciated in return.

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