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Good Morning and Thank you.

About Downtown Chambersburg Inc.

- Organization founded in 1994.
- 5 “Pillars of Revitalization”
- Incremental changes over time
 - Over the past few years, Downtown Chambersburg has experienced a period of increased investment.
- Our involvement with PA DCED

My experience with a streamlined government

- The Borough of Chambersburg is a streamlined municipal government.
- In the Borough of Chambersburg, we are blessed to have a staffer that guides businesses and developers through the local permit process, including sidewalk cafes, special event permits, acts as a guide to the business owners/developers with regards to the Borough’s 3rd Party Code Enforcement Agency.
- The Borough of Chambersburg is a full service borough. Once a month, you receive 1 bill that covers all of your utilities.
- You know who is responsible for rates, taxes and service.

In my opinion

- One point of contact or a small team at the state level for the business owner or developer can help further reinvestment into our downtowns.
- Streamlined municipal government can help as well.
- Municipal Code Enforcement (In my opinion, they are in it for economic development) or adding a 2nd Third Party Code Enforcement (provides choices) can help developers.
- Streamlining, easing and/or providing clarity of codes (while accomplishing safety goals) for upper floor investment is crucial to adding to our tax base.

In closing

- Generally speaking and in my opinion, having one point of contact or a small team guiding a business owner or developer through the state (rules, regulations, and applicable incentives) can help further redevelopment of not only Downtown Chambersburg, but other similar communities across our commonwealth.

Best,

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