



HARTFORD AREA BUSINESS ECONOMISTS

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Dear Jeff:

Thank you for accepting our invitation to speak before the Hartford Area Business Economists (HABE) on March 19, 2002 at Carbone's. We look forward to your talk on the industry clusters that are driving the integration of the Hartford and Springfield economies. Your perspectives on the latest developments in applying the industry-cluster approach to identifying the region's sources of growth will be of great interest. As our past president, you know first-hand that, issues surrounding the future direction of the Greater Hartford economy have been a recurring theme of concern among our members.

You are also invited to be our guest for lunch. Our meetings begin at noon and the featured speaker usually starts his or her presentation around 1:00PM. If you require any aids such as an overhead projector, or a laptop computer, please let me know. Also, it would be helpful if you could FAX me a summary Biography to (860) 263-6268.

Once again, thank you for accepting our invitation, and we look forward to your presentation.

Sincerely,

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