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Good morning Kim. I'm not sure if there is a particular person at SC Housing that is accepting comments to the 2026 QAP, but would like to offer the following for staff's consideration:

1. Jasper County, despite being the fastest growing area in SC hasn't benefited from a tax credit allocation for new construction in 17 years. Please make whatever changes to the scoring criteria are necessary so that prospective developments in Jasper County have a reasonable opportunity to be competitive in the scoring.

2. Remove the Distance to Drug Stores as a point scoring criteria or in lieu of doing so, please increase the distance parameter for Group B Counties to 10 miles (e.g. a site within 10 miles of a drug store would score maximum points in the B county set aside. CVS and Walgreens are closing stores in mass and Amazon is now delivering Rx and anything else that can be purchased at a drug store.

3. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Jasper County has the 2nd highest job growth rate in the state for the period of 2014 thru 2024. There is only one small area in Jasper County that scores any points (4) for jobs within a 4 mile radius using the current data set. There are no sites in this area available for development. Most vacant land in this area is located within gated communities and that which isn't is predominately wetland. The rest of Jasper County scores a 0 using the current data set. Please consider using the Bureau of Labor Statistics data set in lieu of the current one for job growth scoring.

Thanks.

David