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Congressman Graves Listens to Business Concerns

The Partnership for Community Growth & Development had the opportunity along with area business people and elected officials to visit with Congressman Sam Graves about business concerns. The roundtable discussion was hosted by KTTR Services Inc. The Partnership presented a report to Congressman Graves explaining the business visits that completed last year and the response to legislation questions.

The business visit survey tool asks the interviewee about legislation (local, state or federal) that could impact business. It is an open-ended question with no suggestions. Most interviewees agreed that legislation could negatively or positively impact business depending on the action taken by the legislators.

The issues that arose most frequently were:

- Required reporting regulations (Sarbanes-Oxley) and privacy laws;
- Employment law such as FMLA, minimum wage and workers compensation;
- Healthcare concerns including costs, Medicaid cuts and new pharmacy regulations.

“This was a perfect example of one more way to use the data gathered from the business visits. The 32 businesses visited represent over 4,000 employees. Their concerns should be the concerns of our legislators. Not only did Congressman Graves hear the concerns, state legislators attended too. The roundtable provided the venue to present business issues to policy makers. Businesses had a voice at that table as presented by the Partnership,” said Partnership Chairman John Engelmann.

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