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Mr. Jeremy Criss
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Dear Jeremy,

The University of Maryland Extension is developing a strategic plan that will lead the organization for the next five years and we need your assistance.

As you know the University of Maryland Extension (UME) is a statewide, non-formal education system within the college of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. UME educational programs and problem-solving assistance are available to citizens and are based on the research and experience of land grant universities such as the University of Maryland, College Park. As UME moves forward into the future it is necessary to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, create common goals, identify outcomes and adjust the organization's direction in response to a changing environment.

Strategic planning is an effort that produces vital decisions and actions that will shape and guide UME. This includes answering questions about what an organization is, who it serves, what it does, and how it does it, with a focus on the future. UME is conducting many methods of collecting this data. One of the most important methods will be meeting with UME program participants, volunteers and others in the community that work directly with us.

At least six meetings have been planned for the state to gain important information regarding UME's strategic plan and we hope that you can attend.

Our meeting is scheduled for July 18 from 6 – 8:30 pm at the Montgomery County Extension Office multi-purpose room at 18410 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD. You may register on-line at <http://umestrategicplancentralcluster.eventbrite.com/#> or call Carolyn at 410-313-2707. 7-

Thank you for your dedication to UME in the past and look forward to developing a great plan for the future.

Sincerely



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