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Statement from Commissioner Billy R. King on New Chamber Board

In response to Tuesday's announcement by the Fayetteville Regional Chamber regarding its reorganization and today's article in the Fayetteville Observer on the topic, Cumberland County Commissioner Billy R. King is releasing the following statement:

"I am concerned that the new board of the Economic Development Alliance of Fayetteville-Cumberland County is not inclusive. The new board does not have any blacks or women on the board. With the unemployment within the black community what it is, and the number of women who are trying to become a part of the mainstream, it seems appalling that a new committee would be created without diversity," King said.

"I would hope that the Chamber's leadership would see fit to add some blacks and women to this board. Failure to do so would be an affront to the idea of equity and equality."