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Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council  
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I am unable to join you for this Monday's City Council Meeting. I have every faith in Alderman White, who will serve as chairman of the Council in my absence. I also want to assure you that my staff will be at the meeting and available to address any concerns or suggestions that might arise.

The White House Office of Science and Technology has invited me to participate in a roundtable discussion about how communities are advancing the maker movement. This meeting will gather nonprofit and business leaders, city officials, philanthropists, academics and other key actors to discuss successful models of partnership that have created opportunities for makers around the country.

It is apparent that the recent, successful mini-maker faire in Argenta, along with the many other successes by the Arkansas Innovation Hub, has made our city part of a national conversation on how to foster an innovation economy. Our early and continuing support for this incredible asset to our city is being recognized by this invitation to the White House.

I make every scheduling effort to ensure my availability each second and fourth Monday, so a conflicting event on those dates must provide a great benefit to our city in order for my attendance to even be considered. I believe this opportunity to showcase the great work of our Innovation Hub, and learn from others how we continue the string of accomplishments, meets the standard. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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