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Dear Steps Members and Allies:

Thank you for being a member of the **Steps Coalition**, a brave movement that brings together diverse social justice allies under a large umbrella to develop creative ways of addressing “community driven” work.

This letter is a special invitation to attend **Steps first Quarterly Meeting** of the year:

- **Date: Thursday, April 26<sup>st</sup>**
- **Time: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Place: DeMiller Hall, 601 Water Street, Biloxi, MS**

At the January 2011 Assessment and Planning Retreat, Steps members reaffirmed this movement and Steps partnerships to transform oppressive systems that impact Steps five social justice pillars **Economic Justice, Environmental Justice, Human Rights, Preservation of Historic Neighborhoods and Affordable Housing**. We also agreed to embark on a new way of doing our work together by developing **Action Plans with measureable results and outcomes**.

On April 26<sup>th</sup> Steps Work Groups will lay out progress in their work plan and seek your assistance in refining and further developing their plans. Even if you don't currently participate in a Campaign or Work Groups, we invite your thoughts and ideas on how we can “work better together.”

At the April 26<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting you will hear about new developments in the Port Campaign: “Partners for a Safe and Healthy Port, “which is rapidly moving the campaign and Gulfport community toward a discussion for a **Community Benefits Agreement**.

Please take a few minutes to complete the attached registration form to confirm your attendance at the Quarterly Meeting or call Farlene Bowman at 228-435-3113 or [stepshelp201@gmail.com](mailto:stepshelp201@gmail.com)

Together we can change our communities and our world!

Si se Puede, Oh Yes we Can!

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