Dear Atari Developer,

Welcome to the exciting and rewarding world of Atari development. We want you to produce astonishing new products that enhance the value of our computers. Talented developers with imagination, skill, and vision make this an exciting time for us all. We wish you success in your endeavors and stand ready to help you achieve that success.

This box contains a wealth of information about programming for Atari computers. If you study it carefully, you will learn to create robust applications which will operate correctly with all configurations of every Atari TOS computer, from the earliest 520ST through the Mega STs. the newer Mega STEs, and even the advanced TTs. No other computer provides the total compatibility of the Atari. It gives you the widest possible market for your products and keeps your maintenance costs to an absolute minimum. If you follow the rules, you should never have to re-write a program as new features in the O/S and hardware (such as multitasking and larger color palettes) are introduced. Of course, the new machines have features like digital multi-channel sound that you will want to incorporate. But it's nice to know that your revisions will offer powerful new capabilities, not just fixes.

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Sincerely,

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