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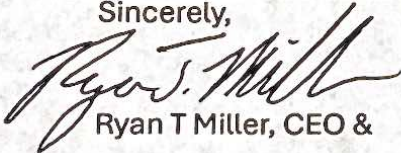
Dear Lafayette County Board of Supervisors,

It has come to our attention that a request is being made to rezone/reclassify land within and/or adjacent to the existing Max D Hipp Industrial Park. Our understanding is that this reclassification could include a parcel of land owned by our organization that sits between the current ICM construction company and Elliott Lumber.

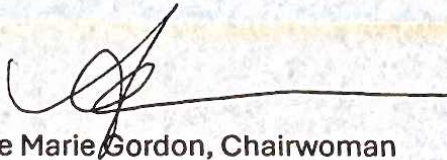
While we respect any citizen's right to petition its government in this manner, it is of our opinion that a reclassification could have a serious chilling effect to future projects that could bring meaningful jobs to our community. As an economic development organization, we are tasked with pursuing job growth for our community by assisting existing businesses with expansion and by attracting new industries to our community with higher paying jobs. As we understand, this reclassification could limit and/or narrow our scope of possible expansions and/or potentially reduce the number of industry sectors from which new projects might emerge. We prefer the opportunity to thoughtfully consider as many projects as we can that might achieve our goals for the community. This reclassification could also set a precedent whereby site selectors and prospective projects of any industry would sense instability in the zoning classifications and eliminate our community from consideration before we have an opportunity to consider its merits.

Again, we respect and appreciate all community members' opinions along with their legal rights to effectuate change through proper means. Even so, we believe that this proposed change would be unwise for the reasons enumerated above.

Sincerely,



Ryan T Miller, CEO &



Anne Marie Gordon, Chairwoman

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