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GOVERNOR

April 16, 2024

The Honorable Gary Bunker
Chairman
Aiken County Council
1930 University Parkway, Suite 3600
Aiken, South Carolina 29801

Dear Chairman Bunker,

I understand that the Fee-in-Lieu-of Taxes (FILOT) ordinance and agreement for Project Sunny, the House of Raeford Farms, Inc. Poultry Production Facility, is up for second reading tonight before the Aiken County Council. As you know, this important project will create 900 jobs in Aiken County with a \$200 million capital investment. It will have an estimated \$1.6 billion economic impact to the region over five years and will produce 493 million pounds of poultry per year for the domestic food supply chain.

I also understand there has been concern over limited water and sewer capacity in Aiken, and whether the limited capacity remaining should be devoted to a sole project or end user. I am committed to assist in identifying state funding to help address these water and sewer infrastructure needs, so that Aiken County may be able to accommodate both the House of Raeford and plan for future growth as well.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and Aiken County Council on this matter, and I ask that you consider deferring a vote on the FILOT agreement to provide some time to work towards a mutually agreeable solution.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

Henry McMaster

cc: The Honorable Hugh Weathers, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture

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