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Attn: Commissioner Kathy Bryant, Chairman
Marion County Commission
601 SE 25th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34471

Project: King Tut Corp.
Dr. Fawzy Ebrahim
Small Scale Poultry Processing facility in Micanopy, Florida
(Parcel # 01853-000-00)

Scope: Approval of Facility Location

Dear Commissioner Bryant:

I have reviewed the location and the plan that Dr. Ebrahim has submitted for the small-scale poultry farm located near the board of Marion and Alachua Counties. The facility will be a USDA and will be Kosher and Halal Certified. It will benefit the community by providing high quality, humanely raised, fresh halal and kosher chickens at a reasonable price. The facility plans show adherence to very high standards to eliminate odor and noise. Please note that Dr. Ebrahim is not my client but I am a customer and a friend. I am using my background as an environmental engineer and as the principal engineer for an architecture and engineering firm to share my professional opinion.

I am familiar with the current facility located in Newberry and their retail establishment on 441 in Gainesville. I have reviewed Dr. Ebrahim's submitted plans and applications. I have been impressed with their attention to cleanliness and I have never been bothered by odor or noise or traffic. While they are increasing their production by 33%, it is still a very small-scale production goal and the impact of that increase will be minimal.

I am a candidate for Alachua County Commission as well as an engineer. If I am elected to the Alachua County Commission and I had the opportunity to approve a similarly located facility that was similarly designed and approved by the SJRWMD, I would likely approve it without hesitation.

To summarize, Dr. Ebrahim's proposed facility is designed to more than meet environmental requirements, sanitation and noise requirements and I would expect them to be as respectful and considerate neighbors in the proposed location as they have been historically in the Newberry area. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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