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Honorable Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor
City of Gainesville
200 E. University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Re: Proposed Duval Motorcars Auto Dealership
(39th Avenue and Main Street)

Dear Mayor Hanrahan:

The Florida Institute for Sustainable Energy has been involved in discussions with the Scott-McRae Automotive Group, Inc., the owner of Duval Motorcars, to develop a cooperative educational program focused on the important and timely issue of alternative fuels utilization. This program will be in connection with their proposed Mercedes-Benz/multi-dealer automobile dealership at 39th Avenue and Main Street. We are also working with the Scott-McRae Group in the design of the dealership campus to incorporate energy efficient approaches under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

We wish to offer our support of the Scott-McRae Group in the pursuit of their new dealership. We are excited by the possibility to provide educational opportunities for students and consumers to better understand alternative fuels utilization while setting an achievable example of energy efficiency, incorporated into an innovative auto dealership design.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Wachsman".

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