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Commissioner John R. Barrow
City of Gainesville
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Dear Commissioner Barrow:

Thank you for your time yesterday to hear Clariant's serious concerns about the land use ordinance as it is currently proposed. As we discussed, the use of SIC codes to determine pollution prevention is not sound science and could prevent Gainesville from attracting the higher wage, manufacturing based jobs that it needs to diversify its employment base.

Clariant's goal is to provide productive employment and to be a good environmental neighbor. Our improvements over the last four years speak to that commitment. It is our understanding that Clariant is the only existing business located within the City of Gainesville, which will be prohibited, and therefore become a nonconforming use, under the proposed amendments. Although we have some questions about using an SIC Code approach, Clariant is willing to acquiesce in that approach if its SIC Code 2869 is among the industries listed as allowable pursuant to a Special Use Permit. We are comfortable that we can meet the performance standards, which the City is considering as part of the amendments to Section 30-345.

Specifically, Clariant is requesting that the Recommended Changes to Article IV, Division 5, Section 30-70, General Industrial District (I-2), Permitted Uses. (2) Uses by Special Use Permit, be amended to add:

"2869 Industrial organic chemicals (not elsewhere classified)"

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about Clariant's position in this matter. We will continue to seek an amicable resolution of our concerns and believe that should be possible while meeting the stated concerns of the City, as well.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen E. Miyasaki".

Helen E. Miyasaki
Site Director

Cc: Wayne Bowers, City Manager
Tom Saunders, Community Development Director
Marion J. Radson, Esquire, City Attorney
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