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Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission
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Dear Planning Commission Members,

On behalf of Horizon Farm Credit, I want to express our support for the rezoning request by Mountaire Farms for a proposed feed mill in Bridgeville. We are a member-owned cooperative supporting rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services throughout our five-state lending territory, which includes a significant presence on Delmarva.

Delaware's poultry and grain sectors are interconnected and rely on each other to sustain an industry with a lengthy history in the state. Being able to process additional grain on Delmarva is vitally important for grain producers seeking markets that are closer to home.

Mountaire's proposed feed mill project demonstrates a significant investment in the future of poultry production in Sussex County. Farming, particularly grain and poultry, is a significant economic contributor to the county so we are pleased to see this level of investment in the future of agriculture.

Mountaire Farms has been a great corporate partner in Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. In addition to being a major employer, Mountaire helps dozens of small businesses thrive including farmers who raise poultry for Mountaire and others who sell grains.

The request for a zoning change also makes sense, as it follows Sussex County's own long-term comprehensive plan for future agricultural growth in that corridor and tracks the future land use map for these parcels.

We support the zoning change sought by Mountaire and respectfully urge your approval.

Sincerely,

KURT FUCHS

Senior Vice President, External Affairs

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