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To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with representatives of Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc./Z 2003 KAR Farming Company, LLC in regard to their proposal to build a \$150 to 175 million state-of-art feed mill. This proposed feed mill will be built on a 175-acre parcel of land on Route 13 and East Newton Road in Bridgeville, Delaware. In order, for this project to move forward, this parcel of land will need to be rezoned from Agriculture Residential (AR-1) to Heavy Industrial (HI-1).

This proposed feed mill project clearly demonstrates a significant investment in the future of the poultry industry in Sussex County. The project also shows a commitment and dedication by Mountaire to the positive impact this industry has on this region. I am especially pleased that this endeavor is being put forth on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the poultry industry that began in 1923 in Sussex County. I am also grateful to see companies like Mountaire making the decision to continue to reinvest in our area.

Mountaire has been and continues to be a tremendous corporate partner in Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. Mountaire is a major employer and aids small businesses, including the many contract growers that rely on income from the poultry companies. Mountaire also has a strong history of giving back to the community. These charitable initiatives have made a significant impact in our region and have made a major difference in the lives of many of our citizens.

I fully support this zoning change. This proposal follows Sussex County's long-term comprehensive plan for agricultural growth in this corridor and tracks with the future land use map for these parcels of land.

I urge the members of the Sussex County Council and Planning and Zoning Commission to approve and support this project. The continuation of the poultry industry in Delaware is important to the economic well-being of our state and our agricultural industry.

Thank you for your attention to my comments regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Senator

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