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Sussex County Planning and Zoning Commission
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Dear Planning Commission Members,

This letter is to express the full support of the Delaware Farm Bureau (DEFB) for a rezoning request for Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc./Z 2003 KAR Farming Company, LLC.

The poultry industry is a job creation force in Sussex County and the entire State of Delaware. It also contributes to the profitability of our grain farmers due to local marketing advantages that are not available in other grain production regions of the United States. In addition to being a major employer, Mountaire helps dozens of small businesses thrive including independent contract growers who rely on income from the poultry companies.

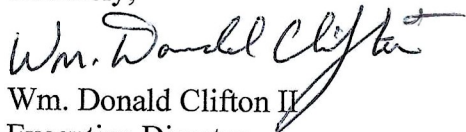
DEFB is actively participating in the 100-year anniversary of the poultry industry that was born right here on Delmarva in 1923. Given this history and tradition, it is significant and gratifying that a company like Mountaire continues to reinvest in our region.

Mountaire Farms has been a great corporate partner in Delaware and has a demonstrated history of giving back to the community through their various Mountaire Cares initiatives that have made a significant impact in our region. They are the gold standard when it comes to charitable giving.

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 ask Sussex County to approve this project, paving the way for a continued, prosperous poultry industry and related businesses for the next 100 years.

Sincerely,


Wm. Donald Clifton II
Executive Director