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Mayor Frank Klipsch
Davenport City Council Members
Davenport City Hall
226 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa 52801

RE: City of Davenport's proposed amendment to the North Economic Development Area Plan to allow adoption of a tax increment financing plans to provide economic development assistance for the proposed Sterilite manufacturing plant.

Dear Mayor Klipsch and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed expansion of the North Economic Development Area by the City of Davenport to include the proposed Sterilite Manufacturing facility to be located in the GDRC's Eastern Iowa Industrial Center.

The Scott County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the information provided to us by the City of Davenport's Community Planning and Economic Development Department staff. The Board has supported the use of TIF as an economic development tool in industrial areas when it is used to to create jobs and help such an exciting and transformative project to locate in Scott County.

The Board understands that the use tax increment financing in this case is to assist the development of this significant new industrial facility that will both increase the tax base and create new jobs. The Board supports the use of TIF to help this project become a reality. The Board understands that this project involves the creation of 500 jobs and the construction of a facility 2.5M sq.ft. in size with a minimum assessed valuation of \$55 million and that the City of Davenport is proposing the following incentives:

- Forgivable loan of \$3,000,000 paid out following the certificate of occupancy on the manufacturing facility
- Infrastructure (electric, gas, sanitary sewer and water) brought to the facility (estimated cost of \$1,262,500)
- Rail spur onto project site (estimated cost of \$1,800,000)
- Road and intersection improvements adjacent to and leading to site (estimated cost of \$3,350,000)
- Partial rebate of property taxes paid by Sterilite for a 15 year period (estimated to be \$8,361,600)
- For 15 years all property taxes paid for the assessed value portion greater than \$64,000,000, net those taxes restricted by Iowa TIF law, will be reimbursed to the company.

The Scott County Board of Supervisors appreciates the opportunity to comment on this plan amendment and a majority of the Board supports the proposed incentives to assist the Sterillite Corporation to locate in Davenport and strengthen Scott County's economy. We enjoy the continuing spirit of cooperation with the City of Davenport on economic development projects and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Earnhardt". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Carol Earnhardt, Chair
Scott County Board of Supervisors

xc: Corri Spiegel, Davenport City Administrator
Mahesh Sharma, Scott County Administrator