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Mr. Brian Bonlender, Director
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Dear Brian:

On behalf of the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners, I would like to thank you for Governor Inslee's support and your assistance in pointing HiTest Sand Inc. to our community. The economic development potential for our small rural county is tremendous and we are looking forward to working with you and your staff and HiTest Sand to make their new manufacturing plant a reality. With this opportunity there is obviously a great responsibility and we greatly appreciate the financial resources of the state that are being committed to this project so that the new facility can be designed to avoid and minimize potential adverse consequences and that we can fulfill our responsibilities in conducting the required environmental review.

We would also greatly appreciate your assistance in reaching out to the leadership of the Kalispel Tribe on a government to government basis to share what you know about the nature of the manufacturing operations and the potential for environmental impacts. Given the quick turnaround of the press release last week, an immediate contact from the highest levels of the State government to the highest levels of the Tribe would be most appropriately and extremely helpful to our efforts to establish a strong local partnership to respond to this unique opportunity.

If you need any information now or in the future about our efforts to respond to this opportunity of statewide significance while fulfilling our responsibilities as the lead agency for environmental review and permitting, please don't hesitate to contact me directly, or Gregg Dohrn, our local project manager at 206-679-7507 or Greggdohrn@comcast.net.

Your prompt response and ongoing assistance is greatly appreciated!!

Sincerely Yours,

Handwritten signature of Mike Manus in blue ink.

Commissioner Mike Manus, Chair
Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners

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