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Paul Wilson, Chairman
Newport School District Board of Directors
1380 West 5th Street
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Dear Chairman Wilson:

HiTest Sand has announced its intent to apply for the permits necessary to build a state-of-the-art silicon processing facility in our community. We have established an Executive Committee of local elected officials to guide and coordinate local efforts, and to advise the Board of County Commissioners throughout the permitting process. While this project has the potential to have a tremendous impact on our local economy, it is critically important that we work closely together to keep our community fully informed throughout the environmental review and permitting process. In addition, we hope that this Executive Committee, in conjunction with corresponding Staff Coordinating Committee and numerous work groups, will enable us to maximize the economic benefits from this project in our community.

It is our hope that the School Board will appoint one of the elected members to serve on the HiTest Executive Committee. In addition to an elected official from the School District, the Executive Committee representation may include the Pend Oreille PUD, the City of Newport, the Port of Pend Oreille, the Bonner County Board of Commissioners, the Kalispel Tribe, the Pend Oreille Economic Development Council, and Newport Hospital and Health Services.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sandifur Room at Newport Community Hospital. We would appreciate it if you would contact Clerk of the Board, Rhonda Cary at rcary@pendoreille.org or 509-447-4119 and confirm who will be representing the Board.

If you, or your staff would like more information about the Executive Committee, please don't hesitate to contact Commissioner Manus at 509-671-1434 or the County HiTest Project Manager Gregg Dohrn at greggdohrn@comcast.net or 206-679-7507.

Your interest and support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to a representative of the ~~Hospital~~ Board joining us on the 9th.
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Sincerely,

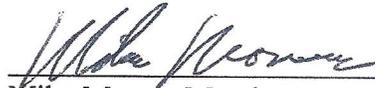
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