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Gentlemen:

Greetings from Washington State! Pend Oreille County is a small, rural county located in the northeast corner of our state. We are blessed with a beautiful natural setting and wonderful opportunities for outdoor recreation. Unfortunately, we are also one of the more economically distressed counties in our state, with an unemployment rate of 7.8%. We are very excited to report however, that we may be joining you as the home to a new state-of-the-art silicon manufacturing facility.

While we see the potential for a tremendous economic impact, we are committed to protecting our environment and want to make sure that we take appropriate measures to ensure that the project is compatible with its surroundings. We have looked at the Mississippi Silicon Plant online, and have heard good things about the facility from others, but we would like to see and hear more about the facility first hand. As a result, we are hoping that we can arrange for a group of leaders from our community to come and visit you this fall. We'd really like to hear from elected officials about your experiences in having a silicon manufacturing facility in your community. We are interested in meeting residents in the vicinity of the facility and the local business community to hear of any concerns. We anticipate a group of approximately 7-12 that would include a Pend Oreille County Commissioner, the Mayor and the City Administrator from our county seat Newport, several representatives of our local Economic Development Council, and hopefully a representative of the local Kalispel Tribe of Indians, among others.

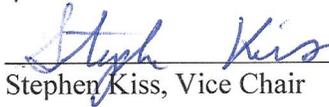
It appears that we have much in common and even more to learn from you! Your insights would be invaluable to us and we would greatly appreciate it if we could make arrangements to spend some time with you soon. If you could identify a member(s) of your staff to serve as our initial point of contact, we will have our local silicon project manager, Gregg Dohrn contact them to discuss potential arrangements. If it is easier for you to contact Gregg directly, he can be reached at 206-679-7507 or [greggdohrn@comcast.net](mailto:greggdohrn@comcast.net).

We hope that this isn't an imposition, but rather a chance for you to show case your many accomplishments and to market your community to those of us in the Inland Empire of the Pacific Northwest. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to meet you soon.

Sincerely,



Karen Skoog, Chair



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