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SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation - Capitol Group Gov't & Public Affairs Consultants

To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past 15+ years, Bill Lievense of Capitol Group has provided professional government and public affairs consulting services to the Bayer CropScience (now BASF) site in Muskegon, Michigan.

During this time, Bill provided invaluable help in securing millions of dollars of economic development incentives for multiple capital projects, assisted with local and state government relations efforts and supported our community and media relations efforts. As a result, we have a viable and well-respected business operation in Muskegon.

In addition, Bill has kept us apprised of emerging legislative and regulatory initiatives impacting our operations and directly represented our interests in support or opposition to various measures. Over the years, the value of his efforts in the legislative/regulatory arena are incalculable in terms of tangible benefits and avoided costs to our business.

If you are seeking competent and professional government & public affairs support services for your business or organization, I would highly recommend Bill Lievense at Capitol Group.

Very truly yours,

Harold Lofton Site Manager

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