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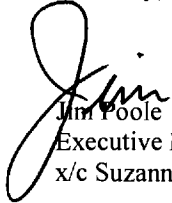
Dear Dale,

I have prepared a sample letter for tax abatement request from businesses either locating or expanding in Columbia County. The letter would be my suggestion for a company requesting the incentive if the Commission chooses to change the way that we have provided tax abatement.

Presently, the IDA in working with a company that request tax abatement, makes the request for the abatement and if approved, the abatement is included in a memorandum of agreement between Columbia County and the company outlining the benefit and requirement for receiving the incentive.

I recommend that we continue to have MOA's with the companies but that the tax abatement is handled in accordance with Florida Statue 196.

Sincerely,



Jim Poole
Executive Director
x/c Suzanne Norris, Chair IDA