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To: Chairman Armistead and OC IDA Board Members  
From: David Church, Commissioner  
Re: Amy's Kitchen application  
Date: 1/13/14

I write to offer my full support for Amy's Kitchen request before you. Based on my Department's analysis, this is a company of the highest quality whose proposed facility in our County would be a profound and smart addition.

I also have the privilege of serving as Chair of the Board of the Hudson Valley Agri-business Development Corporation (HVADC), an organization you and your peers in this region continue to partner with. Through that work, I have learned first hand the current realities of farming as a business. Through my work as Planning Commissioner, I also oversee the county agricultural district program and am now working on a new County agriculture and farmland protection plan. Together, this experience provides me full confidence that Amy's Kitchen operating here in Orange County can be expected to have an essential and positive contribution to our important agriculture and food economic sectors.

As such, I am prepared to offer the full assistance my office can provide to move this project to success, and I have asked Todd Erling, Executive Director of HVADC, to do the same.

My apologies for being unable to attend this week's meeting. I had hoped to voice my support in person, but I am away this week on a scheduled vacation. Please contact me directly should you need anything.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David E. Church".

David E Church, AICP  
Commissioner

cc: Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive