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Dear Council Members,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to hear my concerns raised at the last town council meeting on June 6, 2018. As I stated in the meeting, I appreciate the partnership we have had over the past several years while conducting business in the Town of Frederica. I look forward to many years to come with the same level of communication, respect, and encouragement we have experienced in the past.

I recently had the opportunity to listen to the audio file from the April 4, 2018 town council meeting. Unfortunately, the audio confirmed my feeling that my company has been treated unfairly and singled out. Some of the statements made were slanderous and hurtful to say the least.

Certainly your meetings are held on a public forum and I believe any council member should be able to bring up any issue they feel may exist in an effort to protect the town, it's ordinances, and obligations to its residents. However, I also feel any council member that shows the conviction that Ms. McPhatter did to prove I was doing something wrong should have the facts before making comments such as, "I'm telling you he's doing things he's not supposed to be doing". And, "you need to watch him". On multiple occasions on the audio file, Ms. McPhatter accused me of doing things that had no merit. I find her behavior to be unprofessional, immature, and defamatory.

If the town cannot remove Ms. McPhatter from the council and she will not resign her seat as I have requested, I would suggest she spend a little time educating herself on the town's codes, ordinances, and obtain a general knowledge of how things work before she make such disparaging comments smearing the reputation of the recipient. There are other consequences for such behavior.

In closing, I am very upset with Ms. McPhatter's behavior and professionalism. Her impulsive approach is not in the best interest of the town residents or business partners. Thus, I do not feel she is fit to hold a town council seat. I am requesting my letter be submitted in the permanent records as to establish a history with how I have been treated and ultimately to establish an ongoing pattern for future reference if needed.

Thank you for your consideration, I hope to continue working with the town in a positive and mutually beneficial posture.

Respectfully,

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