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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your consideration to serve on the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board. Environmental responsibility has been a driving force in my professional and personal life since 1995. The success of my company, Floortec Sales, Inc., can be attributed directly to pioneering environmentally responsible floor coverings. The combination of my business skills, a desire to make the world a better place, and forward thinking in the industry, provided me an opportunity to work with architects, interior designers, and urban planners. Many of my clients were at the forefront of the green building movement.

The knowledge I have gained working with the architectural, design and planning professions as well as Continuing Education, seminars and LEED accreditation have given me many perspectives of "green". I am confident that I can provide a balanced perspective for Howard County in providing environmental and fiscal responsibility.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Experience:

1984 – 1995 Manufacturers Representative/Southern Mill Associates, Tuftex Industries,
Monterey Carpet Mills

1995- 2013 Floortec Sales Inc. /Self Employed

- Owned and operated flooring business specializing in environmentally responsible floor coverings for use in commercial building projects
- Provided sustainable materials and associated services for projects including the Marriott Hotels and the 9/11 Pentagon Renovation
- Provided expertise in Bamboo, Linoleum, Recycled Rubber, Natural Rubber, Cork, Wheat Board, Aluminum and concrete stains and sealers
- Provided consulting services for suitability of concrete slabs to accept floor coverings as well as product design for assorted flooring

Additional Experience:

- Five year member- US Green Building Council.
- LEED™ Accredited Professional since 2003.
- Twelve year member- Institute of Business Designers Committee on the Environment.
- Twelve year member – American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment.
- Fifty year resident of Howard County.