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Brad A. Chynoweth
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501 Washington Avenue
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RE: Subpoena Duces Tecum #26-0002 – Deceptive Trade Practices Act Investigation

Dear Mr. Chynoweth:

The City of Marion acknowledges receipt of the Subpoena Duces Tecum issued in connection with the above-referenced matter. We take this request seriously and are committed to cooperating fully and in good faith with the Office of the Attorney General.

Upon initial review, the City notes that the scope of the requested materials is extensive, encompassing multiple years of financial, operational, and utility system records, including documents maintained across various departments, systems, and in some cases, third-party custodians.

At present, the City is operating with limited administrative capacity, including recent staff transitions and ongoing restructuring within key operational areas. As such, the immediate production of all requested materials within the current timeframe presents a significant logistical challenge and may substantially impact the City's ability to maintain essential day-to-day governmental operations.

In light of the above, the City respectfully requests the following:



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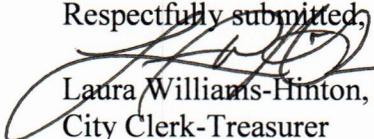
1. **An extension of time** to respond to the subpoena, proposing an initial extension of sixty (60) to ninety (90) days to allow for a thorough, accurate, and organized response.
2. **A phased production schedule**, whereby the City will begin producing documents that are readily accessible while continuing to compile more complex or archived materials.
3. **Clarification, where appropriate, of certain requests** that may require interpretation or involve data maintained by third-party entities, so as to ensure responsiveness and accuracy.
4. **Consideration of alternative methods of compliance**, including the possibility of arranging an on-site review of certain records or coordinated access to electronic systems, where appropriate, to facilitate efficient review given the volume of materials requested.

The City has already begun the process of identifying and organizing responsive documents and is prepared to initiate rolling production upon agreement of a mutually reasonable timeline and structure.

Please be assured that the City of Marion is committed to transparency, accountability, and full cooperation in this matter. We appreciate your consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to discuss a reasonable path forward that ensures both compliance and the continued operation of essential municipal services.

Should you require additional information or wish to discuss next steps, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 334-683-6545 or via email.

Respectfully submitted,


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