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To the Hall County Board of Commissioners,

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My family and I reside in Athens, and Gainesville has long been a special hub for our family and church community. The intersection of Highway 129 and Jesse Jewell Parkway has even been affectionately dubbed by our kids as the "Intersection of Glory." Turning right takes us to swim meets at the Frances Meadows Aquatic Center or baseball games at "The Coop"; heading straight leads us out toward Camp Hope; and turning left brings us to Lanier Point and The Ark. Naturally, our visits include supporting local restaurants like Roma, Mellow Mushroom, and Alpha Gyro Grill.

I have known Jeff Hylton since childhood, and we reconnected several years before his family relocated to Hall County. For years, Jeff generously opened his first Lake Lanier home to our small church's core group for an annual retreat. Transitioning that tradition to The Ark has become a cherished yearly anchor for our church's core group. The strength and fellowship gained through this annual rhythm have kept our church unified and greatly expanded our capacity to serve others back home.

Jeff is truly a generous person and a conscientious host and a true asset to the local community. He consistently encourages every visiting group to patronize Hall County businesses. The Ark's positive impact on immeasurable things—restoration, community building, and family fellowship—is truly significant. Having witnessed that meaningful impact firsthand over the years, I respectfully ask that you approve Jeff's application to operate The Ark as an event facility so he can continue to provide this well-managed, vital space for groups like ours.

Thank you for your time, dedicated service, and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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