

Sam Hoyt
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Dear Mr. Hoyt,

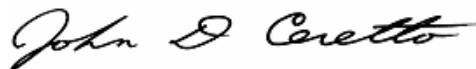
I am writing to encourage Empire State Development Corporation to provide funding to retain Tulip Corporation in Niagara Falls. The company, which has been located in Niagara Falls for 100 years, recently decided to move from its current location and has two options: relocate to a remediated brownfield site in the same neighborhood or to a location out of New York State. The requested funding would guarantee the company remains in Niagara Falls.

Tulip Corporation currently provides 70 full-time jobs and its relocation within Niagara Falls would add six new jobs over the first five years. These are jobs with fair wages and many benefits that would be moved out of state without assistance. In addition to providing jobs, Tulip Corporation pays property taxes and utilizes many vendors and suppliers in our community.

Power Proceeds funds are intended to support the growth of business by encouraging job creation and I believe this project is a perfect candidate. This business has a tremendous impact on our economy and failure to retain them would be devastating. In addition to creating new jobs, investing in this state-of-the-art facility will spark growth to a community that truly needs it.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Neveu in my office if you have any questions. She can be reached by phone at (716)282-6062 or via email at neveu@assembly.state.ny.us

Sincerely,



John Ceretto
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