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Mr. Kim Scheeler President & CEO ChamberRVA 919 E Main Street, #1700 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Kim:

Please consider this note a recommendation of Mr. Dennis Bickmeier for the Henrico Community Leader of the Year Award. President and CEO of the Richmond International Raceway (RIR) located in Henrico County, Dennis collaborates with us at Virginia State University where I have had the distinct privilege of working with him.

Dennis is highly engaged in making Henrico County a better place. For one, RIR provides for jobs, tax revenues, and recreational opportunities. More importantly, Dennis is committed to youth development and e.g. hosted thousands of K-12 students last year on his property. His commitment to the next generation of leaders includes his support of our efforts at Virginia State University.

For all of the reasons cited herein, I can highly recommend Mr. Dennis Bickmeier for the Henrico Community Leader of the Year Award. Should you have any questions and/or if I may provide additional information, please contact me at any time. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Young

Jonathan M. Young Director of Corporate Relations

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