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August 17, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, this official letter of support for **The Pick It Up! Possum Town Committee** confirms that they are duly authorized to seek grants, monetary, and in-kind tax-deductible donations to further and sustain its citizen-led litter and pollution abatement initiatives on behalf of the City of Columbus by making purposeful donations; payable to the Pick It Up! Possum Town Committee, in C/O the City of Columbus.

A donation to a local government entity only qualifies as an itemized charitable deduction if the gift is for a public purpose. Public purpose has a broad definition, and it typically includes anything other than something for which a donor receives a direct benefit.

On behalf of the City of Columbus and its city council, I encourage all businesses, citizens, and organizations to participate and support future Pick It Up! Possum Town events. With your help, we are confident that the city and its citizens will benefit from a cleaner and safer community and its byproduct of increased tourism, business investment, and events of all kinds that choose the City of Columbus as their destination.

Respectfully,

The Honorable Keith Gaskin
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