6/24/2019 Cook County Board Members

RE: Patriot Acres Request for Special Use Extension SU-17-01 Catholic Bishop of Chicago

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in support of Patriot Acres request for special use extension and ask that this letter be added to the agenda packet for this week's meeting on Patriot Acres, LLC extension.

My name is Charlie Uchill. I am COO and Co-Founder of CERES, a veteran owned LLC here in Chicago. I am currently part of the WeWork – Chicago Veteran-in-Residence (VIR) program powered by Bunker Labs. Mat Smarjesse of Patriot Acres is also part of or VIR cohort. The ten veteran members of this VIR cohort work together sharing successes and obstacles we face as veteran entrepreneurs. We take time to learn about each cohort members business. So, I am very familiar with Mat Smarjesse's Patriot Acres. I have sat in on numerous information briefings from Mat and from what I have learned his Glenview operation will be the smallest and most technologically advanced composting facility in Northern Illinois.

I hope you all will support Mat and his green, veteran business.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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