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TO: Members of Zanesville City Council
Mrs. Sue Culbertson, Clerk of Council

FROM: Matt Abbott

DATE: January 10, 2019

RE: JD Equipment EZA Amendment

Dear Council Members,

We have received a request from JD Equipment to transfer the Enterprise Zone Agreement that was executed on January 22, 2018 to Ag-Pro, Ohio, LLC. These changes have happened in the past with other companies that have sold their assets, very similar to the request we are receiving. I have attached the Amendment document and the consent form to be executed by Council, the Commissioners and JD Equipment that will allow us to make this change. If agreed to by Council, I will bring the original documents for signature.

Below you will find a statement from the former owners of JD Equipment:

"The choice to sell JD Equipment was not an easy decision. The Mitchell family has more than 36 years of history as a John Deere Dealer and has strong ties to all of the communities we operate in," said Jeffrey Mitchell, CEO, and Don Mitchell, president, in a letter to JD Equipment, Inc. customers. "However, the sale of JD Equipment was the right decision for our employees and our customers, in order for the dealership to remain competitive and continue serving its employees, its customers and its communities long into the future."

If you have questions or concerns, I will be available upon your request.

Sincerely,

Matt Abbott
Executive Director