



PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Office of the President

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Mr. Ernie Seagars
Laurens County Administrator
3 Catherine Street
Laurens, SC 29360

Dear Ernie,

I want it to be known that our Board of Trustees and I are committed to locating the PC School of Pharmacy in Clinton.

I have wanted to locate it in Clinton from the beginning of our investigation of the feasibility and economic impact of this undertaking. In fact, as our Board of Trustees prepared to make a decision in February, our faculty and students passed resolutions of support for creating the school and locating it in Clinton. I gave my full support to these two recommendations. The Board endorsed my recommendations. However, we need to raise more than \$8 million dollars over the next two years and an additional \$6 million over the following four years to successfully launch the new school. Our goal is a successful, sustainable school of pharmacy that provides significant economic benefit to our County.

We were very pleased and most grateful when the City of Clinton developed an incentive package, in partnership with Laurens County, to recognize the significant economic impact of the PC School of Pharmacy. Once this was done, we discontinued conversation with other communities and individuals interested in locating the school elsewhere. The City's generous incentive package made the business case to us, allowing us to follow our hearts and sign an agreement to locate in Clinton. Mr. William Shearer, Chairman of our Board of Trustees, and I signed this agreement with the City of Clinton and have the full and enthusiastic support of our Board.

We are committed to locate in Clinton. We are committed to having a successful, sustainable School of Pharmacy, that will long serve the residents of Clinton, Laurens County, the Upstate and the Southeast region. It is our hope and intention that this new venture will be another mark of national distinction for our part of South Carolina. We look forward to welcoming 30 faculty, 5 administrators, numerous support staff, and three hundred more students - many young adults with families - to Clinton and the other communities of Laurens County.

We are going to locate in Clinton. We need – and appreciate – your help to make it a successful venture.

Sincerely yours,



John V. Griffith
Resident

JVG/rb

cc: Mr. William B. Shearer, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees