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Mr. David Wilson
Chairman
Oak Ridge Industrial Development Board
1400 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Proposed Motorsports Park Project

On behalf of UT-Battelle, LLC, the management and operating contractor for Oak Ridge National Laboratory, please accept this letter encouraging the Oak Ridge Industrial Development Board (IDB) to expedite its review of the proposed Motorsports Park Project.

The economic vitality of Oak Ridge and the city's appeal to new residents is of great importance as UT-Battelle attempts to recruit talented staff members from around the country and indeed from around the world. We see great potential in a \$50 million private investment that will utilize more than 300 acres in Horizon Center, particularly given the prospects for a new airport in Heritage Center nearby. As presented, this development offers a unique recreational venue with amenities of benefit to all Oak Ridgers.

The proposed park is also of interest to UT-Battelle because of our role in operating one of the nation's leading centers for transportation research. There is potential to partner with the company and utilize its track for testing of autonomous systems, new materials, fuel sources, and manufacturing methods that contribute directly to the competitiveness of U.S. industry and improve environmental performance.

Thank you for the IDB's commitment to hearing from all interested parties, taking diverse input into consideration, and deliberating publicly toward a decision. Our hope is that the park will be judged beneficial for Oak Ridge but, if not, a timely decision will permit renewed focus on identifying other companies that will invest in Horizon Center and become valued members of the Oak Ridge community.

Sincerely,

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