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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the Northeast Florida Fair Association's Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility Application.

The Northeast Florida Fair Association is a non-profit organization that promotes agriculture in Nassau County, Florida. They host the annual fair which features a variety of programs and educational opportunities related to livestock, poultry, sheep, swine, and horses. They also work closely with the local 4-H Program and Future Farmers of America to encourage enthusiasm from our youth and celebrate Florida's agriculture heritage.

The Northeast Florida Fair Association relies on County and State Capital Funding for making repairs to current facilities and building new facilities. The facilities serve a public purpose and we whole heartedly support their efforts to obtain funding for needed repairs and expansion.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Ford Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

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