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GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP ALIGNS WITH MESA DEMAND LETTER

Big Rapids, MI – The Mecosta Environmental and Security Alliance (MESA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to safeguarding the environmental and security interests of the Mecosta County community. MESA applauds Green Charter Township for declaring the Development Agreement between Gotion, Inc, and Green Charter Township as null and void, as previously demanded by MESA in their March 27, 2024 letter to the Green Charter Township Board.

Background: Gotion Inc, a company with ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), plans to build a massive \$2.4 billion EV battery factory in Green Charter Township. Gotion made progress with their plans with the previous township board, however, that entire 7-member board either resigned or was recalled due to this controversial project. A Development Agreement was rushed and improperly executed by the prior Township Supervisor (Gotion must have a Development Agreement in place with the township to receive up to \$175 million in Michigan CIP Grant funding). The new board has taken actions to protect Green Charter Township. Some of these actions were viewed by Gotion as violations of the Development Agreement, which prompted Gotion to sue Green Charter Township in Federal court.

Gotion's complaint begins with this statement:

“This case presents a simple breach of contract claim arising from the unlawful actions of new members of the Township, the majority of whom are motivated by clear anti-Gotion animus.”

MESA's demand letter, written by attorney Robby Dube of the law firm Eckland & Blando, detailed why Gotion is wrong. The letter explained how the Development Agreement had been improperly executed by the previous Township Supervisor and board, thus violating the rights of the citizenry under Michigan's Open Meetings Act. The demand letter was accompanied by signed declarations from seventy-eight (78) community members.

Green Charter Township, in its April 12, 2024 response to Gotion Inc.'s request for a preliminary injunction, argued:

“The Development Agreement was not properly executed; the parties as reflected by the contract were not competent to contract and there was no mutuality of agreement.”

MESA is pleased that Green Charter Township is in agreement with our position. MESA will continue to work to protect our community, our citizens, and our Nation.

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The Mecosta Environmental and Security Alliance is the official non-profit organization dedicated to protecting Mecosta County, our neighboring communities, and West-Central Michigan from both the environmental and national security threats posed by the proposed Gotion gigafactory in Green Charter Township, MI. The organization exists to raise awareness, educate the community, and fund legal efforts to stop the construction of this facility, and oppose any attempt to bring a business into our community that threatens harm to our environment, or has ties to nations who threaten harm to America.

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