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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the concrete block plant that Just Right Trucking is proposing to be built on their facility. I can point out the many benefits of having a concrete block plant here on island that not only will it help Just Right Trucking, but it can also help other business here on island by not having to import concrete blocks and keeping the money here on St. Croix. Environmentally being that the plant will be inside and enclosed it will not have any release of chemicals or gasses that will affect our environment or any business, residents or schools that is in the surrounding area. Also, the noise of operation of the plant will be controlled being that all the operation will be done inside and not outside. There are some noise control methods that I will list that not only can help eliminate noise from escaping outside the plant but can also and will protect the employees from any noise within the building. Here are a few options that can be used:

- Absorption - This is the ability of a material to 'soak up' noise when the noise passes through it. Porous materials (such as mineral wool and some foams) make good absorbers. Absorbers are used to line noise enclosures and are also sometimes suspended above equipment to reduce reflected noise from hard surfaces (walls, ceiling, etc).
- Damping - Damping materials are used to reduce vibration in structures, especially flexible sheet metal components such as panels on machine casings, hoppers, chutes and skips. Reducing this vibration reduces the noise that is

radiated by the vibrating surface. Damping material can be applied to the metal supports on the underside of conveyors where pallets drop, or onto any flexible sheet materials.

- Isolation - The use of springs or rubber mounts to stop vibration from being transferred from a machine, such as a vibrating table or press, into the structure of the building or to another object (from which it could be radiated as noise.

To conclude, I support the design and construction of this concrete block plant and like the idea of the benefit it can have on the island for other business or even for our local people who is looking to purchase concrete blocks. which can be sold at a cheaper rate because all the production that will be done here on island. I see no impact this concrete block plant will have on the environment. The noise of operation will be control being that all operation will be done inside a building and the noise control methods that can be used to reduce the noise from escaping the building and to protect employees.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rishaun Burke', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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