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August 18, 2006

The Honorable Eric P. Feichthaler
Mayor
City of Cape Coral
PO Box 150027
Cape Coral, FL 33915-0027

Dear Mayor Feichthaler:

I received a copy of your August 16, 2006 correspondence to our Executive Vice President, Business, Dennis Lehman regarding your interest in the Cleveland Indians relocating its spring training facility to the City of Cape Coral. Dennis is currently out of the country and is scheduled to return the middle of next week. Therefore, because, as you have acknowledged, time is of the essence here, I thought I would provide this response.

We are currently in advanced negotiations with two communities, an Arizona community and a Florida community, regarding the future location of the Cleveland Indians spring training facility. Both discussions are subject to a tight and immediate deadline. The Florida deadline, as I know you are aware, requires the applicant community to submit a final application to the State by October 2. We believe the application should be filed with the State at least two weeks in advance of this deadline in order to address any shortcomings in the application prior to the final deadline. Our timeframe in Arizona is similar.

As a practical matter, we do not believe it is possible to achieve an understanding on all the issues associated with relocating our spring training facilities to Cape Coral within the remaining time available to us under the State of Florida's current financing application deadlines. If there was more time, we would have great interest in Cape Coral and Southwest Florida. Our visit to your city in December left a very favorable impression with us. Cape Coral is clearly a rapid growth area and, we believe, a great fit for Cleveland Indians spring training baseball.

In the event we are unsuccessful in our current effort to relocate our spring training facilities to either of the two communities we are currently negotiating with, we would be happy to discuss the Cleveland Indians relocating to the City of Cape Coral. I recognize we would be having these discussions in an environment less favorable than the current environment because of the apparent unavailability of the State of Florida's funding. Nonetheless, at this late date, we believe it is impractical and possibly inappropriate for us to engage another community in these discussions.

If you would like to further discuss the matter, we would be happy to talk to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul J. Dolan".

Paul J. Dolan
President

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Cc: Dennis Lehman
