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Hello

My name is Phillip Carranco, as a seasoned Regulatory Compliance Manager with three decades of industry expertise, I drive comprehensive compliance strategies across global markets. Through my tenure at industry leaders including Cisco, HPE/Aruba, and Amazon, I've developed deep expertise in regulatory interpretation and implementation, focusing on ensuring manufactured devices meet or exceed international standards while prioritizing customer safety. My data-driven approach to compliance management has consistently delivered results, reducing compliance risks and accelerating time-to-market for various product lines. At Amazon, I continue to raise the bar by implementing robust compliance frameworks that protect both our business interests and our customers' well-being, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards of product safety and regulatory adherence.

The initial engagement between our local government and Vistra regarding the power plant development revealed critical gaps in our assessment process. While Vistra may have presented compelling benefits about clean energy production and community advantages, our local officials lack the technical expertise to conduct proper due diligence. A comprehensive evaluation of environmental impact, use case scenarios, and community effects was notably absent from these discussions. This underscores the urgent need for creating an advisory committee—one that can scrutinize proposals with technical precision, identify potential risks, and establish robust guidelines for manufacturing facilities in our region. Such a committee would ensure that future industrial developments align with both community interests, local regulations and environmental standards.

The recent fires at the Vistra Power Plant in Moss Landing is a prime example of the critical need for the creation of an advisory committee. To effectively address this challenge, the committee needs to consist of a diverse panel of subject matter experts spanning regulations, toxicology, fire retention and suppression, environmental science, air quality, and chemistry. The Moss Landing incidents have exposed significant gaps in community and local government communication – a concerning revelation given that these officials bear direct responsibility for public safety. When decision-makers lack comprehensive understanding of manufacturer regulatory requirements, it creates a ripple effect that impacts the entire community. Working backwards from our community's needs, establishing this expert committee represents a vital step toward ensuring transparent, informed decision-making and enhanced public safety protocols.

I am eager to assist with the creation of this advisory committee, specifically focusing on regulatory compliance guidance for our local government. By providing expertise on manufacturer regulations, we can empower officials to implement targeted, community-specific requirements that align with local needs. Currently, there's a critical

knowledge gap regarding the scope of regulatory authority available to local jurisdictions. Through my role, I aim to bridge this gap by clearly outlining the available regulatory frameworks and options, thereby enabling our local government to make well-informed decisions that protect and benefit our community. This initiative will help restore decision-making power to where it belongs - in the hands of local officials who best understand their community's unique challenges and requirements.

Sincerely

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