



July 7, 2026

York County Council
York County Government
York, South Carolina

Re: Request to Reconsider the Octapharma FILOT Agreement

Chairwoman and Members of York County Council,

On behalf of the York County Regional Chamber of Commerce, thank you for the thoughtful consideration and due diligence you have devoted to evaluating the proposed Octapharma investment. We recognize the significance of this decision and appreciate the time Council has invested in thoroughly vetting both the company and the project.

The York County Regional Chamber respectfully requests that Council reconsider the amended Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes (FILOT) agreement and return to the originally negotiated tax revenue distribution, under which York County, the City of Rock Hill, and the Rock Hill School District would each participate equally through a 50 percent reduction in property tax revenues associated with the incentive.

The Chamber has long championed policies that promote economic growth through collaboration among our local governing entities. The proposed \$1.5 billion Octapharma investment represents one of the most significant economic development opportunities in York County's history, bringing more than 1,200 new jobs, the relocation of the company's U.S. headquarters, and the establishment of its first U.S. plasma manufacturing facility. This project has the potential to create lasting economic benefits for the entire community.

While we respect the differing perspectives regarding the distribution of tax revenues, we are concerned that changing a negotiated agreement at this stage creates unnecessary uncertainty. Major economic development projects depend on confidence that local partners can work collaboratively and provide a stable, predictable environment for investment.

Our concern extends beyond this project alone. Losing Octapharma would mean forfeiting significant jobs, investment, and future tax revenues for York County, the City of Rock Hill, and the Rock Hill School District. It could also diminish the confidence that the South Carolina Department of Commerce and future prospects place in York County's ability to successfully execute transformational economic development projects. Companies evaluating future locations closely watch whether communities demonstrate unity, collaboration, and the ability to honor negotiated agreements.

The Chamber remains committed to responsible economic growth, open communication, and strong partnerships among York County, the City of Rock Hill, and the Rock Hill School District. We believe the original FILOT agreement reflects those principles and respectfully encourage Council to restore the original negotiated tax revenue distribution prior to final approval.



Thank you again for your service to York County and for your thoughtful consideration of the Chamber's perspective. We appreciate your leadership and your continued commitment to the long-term prosperity of our community.

Respectfully,

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