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APPEAL OF PROTEST DECISION IN SOLICITATION NO. 228614 RE:

Dear Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

Donna Aversa's letter to the Board of Supervisors should be disregarded for at least the following reasons, none of which were addressed in her letter:

- 1. There is no provision in Pima County's Procurement Code for such a response; and
- 2. The response does not in any way address the inherent impropriety of allowing the County to appoint the legal counsel for a potential adversary in court or an independent agency before which the County appears in an adversary status; and
- 3. None of the people listed as references in the proposals were contacted, with the result that - for the first time in at least the last 36 years - the proposed contract recommendation was made with absolutely no input from the Commission; Council; and
- 4. The manner of allocating the 40 points referred to in the solicitation was never described in the solicitation, so there was nothing to object to before the proposed recommendation was+ issued; and
- 5. The Felker proposal was not responsive in that it was required to submit three public agency references, but two of the three such references submitted in that proposal were the same agency, the Pinal County HR department, which was never a client of the Felker firm.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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