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To: Mather, Maddison
Subject: Northumberland county discretionary spend (OAFVC).
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Dear County Clerk, I am writing to express my deep concern about the potential reduction in funding for the Ontario Agri-Food Venture Centre (OAFVC) and the significant impact this would have, not just on my business, but on our customers and the local supply chain. At OAFVC, we produce our tigernut-based beverages, a unique and growing product that serves health-conscious consumers. This facility provides us with the specialized equipment and resources we need to create high-quality, locally made products. Without OAFVC, we would struggle to continue production, which in turn would affect our customers who rely on our beverages, as well as the farmers and suppliers who provide our ingredients. OAFVC is more than just a processing facility; it is a crucial link in a network that supports small businesses, local agriculture, and the community. Its closure would not only disrupt our ability to operate but would also ripple through the supply chain and access to innovative food products. I strongly urge the county to continue supporting OAFVC. This investment sustains small businesses like mine, strengthens our local food ecosystem, and ensures that consumers have access to fresh, locally made products. Thank you for your time and consideration. Best regards, Michael Mosuwaifo. Founder House of Tigernut.