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Hello Dr. Walsh,

Per our conversation, I wanted to reach out and let you know I would be indeed stepping down from the position based on your recommendations regarding the specific, and frankly somewhat confusing, qualifications regarding this position. One in particular is the required farming experience, much of mine being outside of Florida. My interpretation of the qualifications clearly does not meet those that you've laid out in our recent conversation- working in agricultural production on a sophisticated level is not my angle. I came into this from the perspective of someone who knows how to grow food and serve as a farm hand as well as a public policy advocate. I did not understand that my "hands-on" experience would not necessarily count as "expertise" in the bigger picture. As much as I want to serve our community by educating and advocating for sustainability as well as providing a fresh, open ear for farmers, I understand that I do not meet the expectations y'all are requiring for this seat. I hope and plan to one day serve our great county in some other capacity, but I will concede to stepping down if there will be issues related to this. The last thing I want is to complicate anything for the board or the people of hillsborough county. Thank you.

Tyler Barrett