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Dear Hand County Commissioners:

I would like to address some misinformation that has recently been in our local paper. Please be aware that cafo operations are inspected on their sites every year. All records are checked for where, when and how much animal nutrient is applied on every acre of ground. There are warnings, fines and potential closing of any cafo site that is out of violation. And criminal charges can occur if a person is found guilty of polluting. When a person has a valuable source of fertilizer why would be misuse it? The applicant of the nutrient can not apply in waterways and must leave 100 buffers from these waterways. The land included in the DENR permit has to met grade and soil types to qualify.

In 1998 when I was building my cafo I was sued for devaluing surrounding land. Since that time a couple have moved into a house fourth of a mile away. I have sold two potential future housing sites a half mile and two miles away from the cafo site. In 1998 cost of a acre of land was around \$800/acre and not sells for \$3500. I wC and more than pay for its applicant on their land (only land that has been approved by DENR gets this fertilizer). There is at least one organic producer in our area.

Hand County needs economic development. I often wonder how many jobs we have lost due to fear and misunderstanding over the years. Back in 1998 before we stopped cafo's from coming into Hand County I toured Miller with our economic development person and a potential feed mill group. They were looking for a setting for a 30 person feed mill using millions of bushels of corn per year. This would have tied into the LLC soybean plant nicely. I have seen our town losing it's population for years and I'm sad to see us losing job potential. It's always easy to want to find reasons to stop growth but to built things takes nerve. To bad the same people who wanted to stop growth in 1998 still protest all cafo's, wind power and I suspect growth.

Yes, there is potential for animal nutrient to reach waterways but not near as high as a livestock yard sited on a hill with out a cafo. All the winter feeding areas were placed on hillsides by a farm site. The farmer wanted dry land to help him feed his livestock so he wanted drainage in the feed lot. Still true today, let's feed our animals on the hillside where the nutrient is next to a creek that runs to our rivers and lakes. We need to have controlled animal growth to stop these pollution sources and use a scientific way of using a valuable fertilizer source.

Thank you gentlemen for your service and your time.

Sincerely, Lester Moeller