

Greetings Gayle and Concerned Citizens,

Thank you for this response letter and the opportunity to speak out in defense of what is irreplaceable and could easily be lost forever without immediate and strong response.

As a third generation owner of a family farm less than a mile from the proposed slaughterhouse and a born and raised fifth generation farm person with family members (both historically and currently) owning and operating small, local, traditional family farms in the immediate vicinity, I must strongly protest this out of state and entirely inappropriate attack on the character and well being of this very special and increasingly rare area. The damage that will be done on so many levels must be fought vigorously on all fronts. The people at PIP must realize that this development is very likely opposed by nearly 100% of the local residents and tax payers. Knowing that and with literally hundreds of much more appropriate sites available all over the heartland, yet still attempting to force in this development, does not speak well of the owners and management of this company, and does not bode at all well for their future concern, consideration and care of our community, should they actually manage to accomplish their goal.

I am of course all in favor of our free enterprise system, however, myself, my family, my friends and neighbors have been very concerned for many years with the lack of regulation and control to guard our area against unwanted development and other inappropriate activities. It is my fondest hope that this development attempt will be a Bellwether to the Township, County and State that residents and environmentally sensitive areas need very much more protection in the way of Planning, Zoning and Licensing.

I should add that many friends and acquaintances from other areas who have visited are immediately charmed and protective of our locality. When informed of this possible development they are all without exception horrified and angry that this might be allowed to go forward. Please, let's do our best to protect and preserve, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,
Rick Olson