

Dear Director Belloon:

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My family and I have one question for you. Why do you love to see farmland turn into mega-mansions and more cities? I suppose it is because you didn't grow up in farming country and don't understand what it means to us family farmers?

This is about your new regulations. Our farm may very well be one that gets sold for development. Maybe it will be sold to crop farmers. They are the lucky ones because it seems no big government agency is going after them like they are going after us dairy farmers. But, we will probably sell to someone who can turn this into another golf course or wait a few years until sprawl comes out in our direction.

We'll be OK, but we've already told our kids that there is not much hope for farming here with these kinds of rules. Like having to hold a public hearing any time we want to add a farm building. Or going out and testing our soil and manure every time we get a chance during the rain to get it on the fields. I don't know who comes up with these things, but they don't know about farming.

Please do what you can to help keep our farm and our farmers.



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