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From: LaRocque, Linnea on behalf of Barnes, Ed
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 9:05 AM
To: Orjiako, Oliver
Cc: Tilton, Rebecca; O'Donnell, Mary Beth
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From: susan rasmussen [mailto:sprazz@outlook.com]
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2014 10:48 AM
To: Silliman, Peter; Madore, David; Mielke, Tom; Barnes, Ed; cndental@yahoo.com; Leah Higgins; Rick Dunning; Rita Dietrich; Jerry Olson; Fred Pickering; Jim Malinowski; Frank White; Benjamin Moss; Lonnie Moss; Melinda Zamora; Nick Redinger; Curt Massie; Marcus Becker; Zachary McIsaac; Clark County Citizens United Inc.
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The rural communities and their citizens are continually ignored. This is not only immoral, it is unlawful. Last night, Gordy Euler told me the three alternative plans came directly from the Commissioners. Gordy said, "Talk to them if you don't like the plans." I am appealing to the Commissioners to assume the controls of this plan...you are the bosses. Navigate towards a future with hearty growth in mind... for jobs, housing, rural lifestyles, hobby farms, very small to small farms, and small family-forestry farms.

All of this is supported in written details in the Situation Assessment, Berk Report, 2012. This report clearly shows the changing face of agriculture in Clark County and how it has evolved over the past 20 years. Farming in Clark County is no longer agriculture in the traditional sense of large farms. Present and future trends need to be acknowledged and the proper changes to the comprehensive plan need to reflect this.

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Hello Commissioner:

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Best Regards,

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