



April 7, 2022

The Honorable Paul TenHaken  
Sioux Falls City Council Members  
224 W. Ninth Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Dear Mayor TenHaken and City Council Members,

As proud residents, employers, and community leaders of Sioux Falls, we urge the City Council to take immediate action and pause the planned construction of a new hog-processing complex within city limits. We believe it is critically important to halt this project until appropriate studies are completed and residents have the opportunity to share their views.

As you know, Wholystone Farms seeks to process up to six million hogs annually near the heart of Sioux Falls. Their proposal calls for a 170-acre industrial complex with a wastewater lagoon just off Interstate 229 near residential neighborhoods and businesses. Alarming, the company's "heavy industrial" use of this specific site ignores the city's own 2040 Comprehensive Plan and includes discharging wastewater into the Big Sioux River.

Far too many Sioux Falls residents are unaware this project is going forward within city limits.

A new hog processing plant in our community could have profound implications on the health, safety, and quality of life of area residents. Yet, there has been no serious attempt to study the potential impacts of this project, including odor, traffic, water quality, workforce, and affordable housing.

Like you, we are committed to ensuring that Sioux Falls remains an ideal place to live, work, open a business, or raise a family. Unfortunately, very little consideration has been given to fully understand what this project means to the future of our city.

The time to act is now. No ground has been broken, no permits have been issued, and no alternative uses for the site have been evaluated. That is why we are asking the city council to pause the Wholystone project today, conduct appropriate studies, and engage residents in an open dialogue so they can make their voices and concerns heard.

Sincerely,



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