

For who it may concern:

I am writing you this letter/statement of concern within regards to the Hutterian Brethern Church of Granum, and their proposed application to construct a poultry Barn and manure storage pen on the land SE 25-11-28 W4M.

My name is Byron Westwell, I own and reside on my property which is SE 24-11-28 W4M. For an easier way to describe it, it is directly across the road from the land on which the granum colony wants to build this poultry barn and manure storage. Now I know that I have several concerns with the application, and of having these facilities next door to my residence. ① is with the constant flow of more traffic that will occur with this, I drive these roads which are the

Range Road 280 / meadow creek Road / Range Road 274, they are my every day commute back and forth to town. These roads see a lot of use right now with all of us in the area and west of here using them as their commute as well. The roads don't receive regular maintenance to have more and more traffic on them, let alone more tractors, combines, feed trucks, manure spreaders, trailers, and some of the weight that comes with these trucks weighting in at or over 64 tons. WHO is going to fix these roads and at what cost?? ② Smell! I remember as a kid growing up in Blackdiamond and Okatoks and traveling the back road outside Okatoks and passing by a poultry/manure storage facility, you had to hold your breath

because of the smell. I had a cousin that worked and live at this place, and I remember going to visit. The visits were short! Even driving into the yards of these places your vehicle would stir the odours from the ground and would enter the cab, and smell for days. Your cloths, skin, hair all smell for days after even a short time of being in the area. And now I live accross from an area that is wanting to build this!! Every time I would walk out my door of my house or look out my window, I would be in direct contact with this building and with the SMELL as iam only suggested to be 600 meters from the building and storage. I wouldn't be able to open my windows at home without having to put up with the every day odor that would come from this. It would just stink. And stink the area up, witch I counted one day driving home to have 25 neighbours that live in a 5 MILE RADIUS. And Iam sure that they aswell woun'dn't like the smell! Witch brings me too #3 Property! If they are allowed to build this hear it is going to affect Me and a few of my neighbours directly. As it will DECREASE there's and mines property value Substantually. Who would want to live or by land next to a Chicken farm? I can only speak for myself when I say that I wouldn't want to live next, on, or near these farms. And it will increase all of our property taxes to have more

business and activity in the area, Cause some way some how
Things need to be fixed / maintained. I myself dont want to
shell out more to have done. So if we were to sell
our properties no one would want to live hear. (4) water concern.

Around this area of meadow creek there are several stream,
creeks, rivers that flow continuously all year round till freeze
up. And with is area to be lower than other areas, there is
a lot of feilds with standing water or slues in them, 3 of them
directly accross on all three sides of this building and manure
storage, ~~they~~ have the potential to become contaminated from this.

Now my well that supplies my home with water is 350 yards
to the north west of my house (closer to the land on witch they
plan to opperate from). My well is not very good producing
well as it only produces about 1.9 gal with the recovery
a little lower than that. It provides my house intake as it
pumps directly from the well to the taps. (No sistern tank)
now when I water my trees I only get approximately
20-25 min of water from the garden hose then its done, and
done for awhile. With this project being planned for the
Chicken farm its going to involve the use of water from
the earth. Some wells use different aquifers under ground
and some use the same. What is and or how is that
going to affect me and my property? well it could by lowering

the amount of water that is produced underground, and reducing the amount that flows. Now that will effect me and my situation at home. It may cause me to have to put in a sistern tank and or haul water. And at who's expence? Not me, that is for sure!! They will also plan to build a colony out my back door! with then also needing dairy cows and hogs to subside

Yet again more and more water to be used from this area, witch will yet again reduce the amount available to be had. witch will again cost who? ME? NOT! I don't want to have this hear right next to me. I have learned through land owners in this area that my well for my water was witched from the land the colony owns now, the same $\frac{1}{4}$ parcel of land on witch they intend to build this chicken barn and manure storage, also there proposed colony location. My well was drilled two 130 feet depth with the pump sitting at 120 feet, and it has perforations in the casing to allow water to enter from the earth. I also own a surface well that use to supply this property with water untill it became contaminated from the ground water, "(why)" because it sits in a low area old creek bed. And all the standing water in the area absorbs into this low area. The land owner (my neighbour) stopped leavin or running

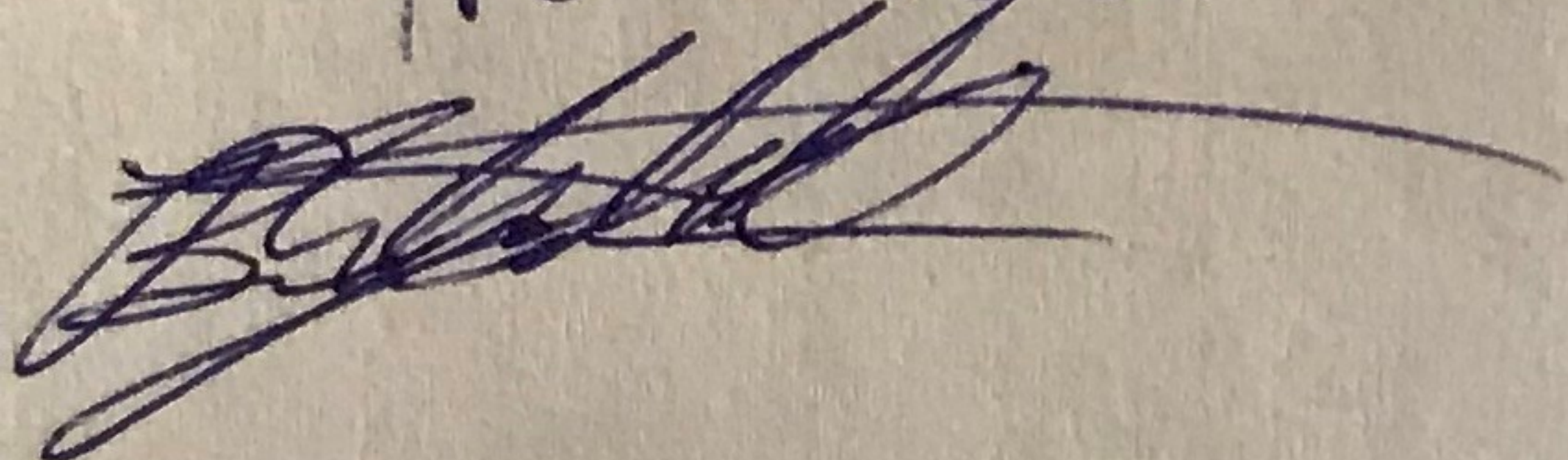
Cattle in this quarter to stop the contamination or slow it, Also because I was given the well when I purchased this property, Now if you pull up drill reports for this $\frac{1}{4}$ parcel it shows 7 or more attempts to find good or any water to install a well on it. Now that shows me that to find water from a substorable source on this or my side of the road, is a hard feat to accomplish and at a extreme hit to the pocket! ⑤ Toxins that arise from the facies of chicken manure can be bad for your health!

Exposure and inhalation of odorous compounds from poultry manure can be harmful to farm workers, and the surrounding residents as well as animals, and the environment! They foarm microbial decomposition of excreta from litter and direct emissions from the Birds in a poultry farm. Odours have been reported to intensify the symptoms of people with asthma or allergies. They may cause a variety of adverse reactions in people such as, emotional stress, headaches, acedia, insomnia, vomiting, irritation and depression. Chicken manure causes

E coli. E coli becomes pathogenic when passed in chicken droppings. Salmonella is also passed through chicken droppings. It also causes cryptosporidium infection when chickens have parasites and pass through there manure, we can contract any one of these diseases from direct or indirect contact of the manure from these birds. Now look at the scale of this propose operation of 20,000 + birds and how much poop will generate from this. Every time the wind blows, and or veichle traffic stirs this up, there is a potential for anyone of these parasites to arise. There is alot that may or maynot occur from this, but as I say again I would not like to see this accross the road from my home! It's just to close for comfort for me, to want to live so close to a opperation of this size. I eat these birds and dont mind people having a few to gather for there families or themselves. But to have 20,000 birds in an area to have so many residents / family homes around in such a small area, I find to be to much. I moved to this area for its view, to be

out of "town" as some may call it, in an area to be quiet with traffic other than the neighbors that Compiote around. Having this hear is going to generate more residential traffic as well as industrial and commercial traffic. Its going to get busy and busy at all times of the day or evening, dust flying, Jake Breaks screaming as they roar to a slow from crusin down these roads that just arnt ment for more overload. I just come to a conclusion in that i feel that there is better locations, to suit a project like this or of this size, and not next to my home

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