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Back in the day the company that I work for had seven dairy farms located on this road. Yes, on this road alone there were seven dairy farms. Now there are two. Those two do not operate the same way that they used to as they have had to do other things to be able to stay semi operational. Like for instance they have had to have one of the owners go and find other work to help supplement the income.

Many things have contributed to that. Probably the most common thing that comes to mind would be the increase in taxes. With not many people being able to make it in the farming industry anymore there is land all around that people are trying to sell. The land that their fathers and mothers worked so hard for is being portioned off for sub divisions and single family dwellings. People cannot afford to pay for that kind of land anymore with taxes being so high and the cost of everything going up they themselves need the extra income.

So when yet another agency steps in and increases the fees that they charge, what do you think happens? More land gets split up and sectioned off into smaller bits so people don't have to try to figure out how to pay for those huge tax bills.

How is anyone supposed to keep a business going and keep jobs for people? How is it that people are going to be able to afford the land that they do have when all these federal agencies keep raising rates and pushing out jobs and then who is going to be left to pay the taxes?

Farmers have already almost been made extinct and now you want to up the fees even more for gravel pits and push them out of business.... What will you gain by doing that? How are you helping the environment by pushing out the business' that help keep big pieces of land intact? How is splitting up a huge piece of land and building 40 houses on it better in the long run? How is that protecting the environment?

I need a job and you are pushing business owners to close their doors. Where am I supposed to find a job? My children and grandchildren would like a place to be able to see trees and fields and how is that going to happen when every piece of land has had to be made into a sub division? When there were farmers we had huge fields.... With gravel pits we still have acres of land that get reclaimed and put back to a natural habitat. How is what you're doing going to help anyones future?

How are you going to find me a new job? As of now I can work close enough to home that my entire pay check doesn't have to go to the cost of putting fuel in my car to get to and from work. I can live close enough to work that when another co- worker needs a ride I can pick them up along the way. When this business closes as have a lot of other business' around here where am I going to go? How far will I have to drive? How can you say that increasing and putting these new fees in to effect is going to help me and my future?

Thank you,

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