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In favor of CUP 2582

I have been a Town of Rutland resident for 11 years. The quarry does not affect our quality of life. My family will take walks down Center road and I have never had a bad experience with any dump trucks. This is a small family owned quarry and many of the town complaints stem from other larger quarries in the area.

I would also like to express the need to support agriculture in Wisconsin especially small businesses. My family were dairy farmers and it's a tough job. I think about if my family was met with such resistance in trying to make a living. As a part of a farmer's business, they produced corn that is a high bulk low commodity (like gravel).

Now imagine this:

A farmer purchased land for their business and first has to get permission from the neighbors and the town board. Several neighbors didn't like the idea of the plantings because it causes large moving vehicles which could cause possible accidents and also would produce noise and dust from the tilling and harvesting. Because of these complaints, the town board turns down the application causing the farmer to miss an entire season of planting.

The farmer comes back in the spring the next year and the town board puts stipulations on the farmer (pay the town \$2500 per year and assume the entire cost for the upgrade of the road we need) and we'll approve you. The board also tells the farmer he can only operate M-F from 8 to 5 and no weekends. The farmer will not be allowed to harvest if it's windy to satisfy the neighbor with asthma.

The added cost for the road upgrade and reduction in yield cut into the farmer's income but he obliges because he needs to work. He needs to support his family. During the harvest a neighbor complains and the town shuts the farmer down. He loses any income.

Would we do this to a farmer that works hard to grow the food that our community needs to survive? Would we do this to a quarry owner who provides the rock for our roads and homes?

That is what is happening in the Town of Rutland. This small quarry has been operating safely for decades. Kevin the owner lives in the town and has been a considerate neighbor and does everything in his power to keep the peace in the Town of Rutland. This quarry doesn't even operate 3 months out of the year.

We are disconnected from the ground that supports us. We need affordable housing and maintaining our roads but none of this is possible without quarries. We need to support agriculture businesses and not make it harder for them.

Thank you,
Kate Angeles