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To: Dane County Planning and Development, Zoning Division

From: Doug Meier, Town of Vermont, Plan Commission Chair

This memo is in response to the Dane County Towns Association initiative to entirely restrict animal units in FP-1 zoning.

The Town of Vermont feels strongly that the current and recently approved Farmland Preservation zoning is largely appropriate as written in the revised Section 10.

Retroactive changes and restrictions to FP-1 zoning would neither be in line with the intent of this farmland zoning category nor how landowners in the Town of Vermont utilize FP zoned lands. If DCTA desires to propose new categories it may be appropriate; as would potentially revising FP-1 (1 to 35 acres) to FP-5 (5 to 35 acres) and creating a new FP-1 (1 to 5 acres) category with restricted animal units. Utilizing UTR zoning as a means of restricting animal units would also be an acceptable measure.

It remains important that our rural landowners be allowed animal units as it is the intent of Farmland Preservation zoning.