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Town of Courtland
c/o Brian Cupery
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Dear Town of Courtland Board;

I apologize for not being able to attend the meeting of the Town of Courtland Board today. I have a commitment on Tuesday's in Madison at 4pm so can not make the new time for the meeting today.

I wanted to express my concerns about the Didion Milling plan to build an ethanol plant in the Town of Courtland. I am sure that it is no secret that I have concerns about Didion's planned ethanol plant. I had concerns about it when it was proposed in the Village of Cambria back in 2002 and these concerns remain in its new siting in Courtland. My chief concerns are over the actual benefit to local farmers, the impact on the Village of Cambria and especially the Cambria-Friesland Schools from the air emissions from the facility, the large quantity of water needed by the plant, and the increased truck traffic.

I received a letter from Didion's PR firm in the mail the other day and there were many claims made about the benefits of the proposed ethanol plant. Claims were made about the benefit to farmers, the jobs that would be created by the plant, both in construction and operation, and the increase to the local and county tax base. I would ask that the Town consider the costs and benefits carefully and fully investigate the claims being made. We are in a unique situation because we have another ethanol plant in such close proximity. We can look at the UWGP ethanol plant and think what it would mean to have a similar facility run by Didion in Courtland on the site just south of Cabbage Road.

I would encourage the board to defer any recommendation for rezoning until the June Town Board meeting. Word of this development in the Town was only made public last week through a newspaper article and as I understand a full description of the plan was only made available this morning to the public. Residents of Courtland have not had time to consider the specifics of Didion's plan. In the interest of fairness to all I would ask that any decision be slowed down so that a thorough consideration of the costs and benefits can be weighed.

Again I apologize for not being able to attend the meeting today. If you have questions about my concerns or wish to discuss how the Didion proposal will be handled at the County level please let me know. I can be reached by phone at 920 xxx.xxxx or email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Sincerely,

Sarah Lloyd