

June 18, 2006

Columbia County Board of Supervisors,

My husband and I reside in Cambria. We were recently at the Columbia County Planning and Zoning meeting to protest the petition by Didion Milling to rezone tax parcel 108 in the Town of Courtland from Agricultural to Industrial for the purpose of building an ethanol plant. We were very upset to hear the decision of the committee to ok the Didion plan when they decided to delay the decision on the power company going through the farm land on the north side of Hwy 16. It seems they were more worried about protecting the cows from the power lines than they were the residents of Cambria.

We are very concerned what effect the air emissions will have on our health as well as the health of others as there is already corn dust in the air from Didion Milling, this is causing concerns among many who have breathing problems. Didion has already several environmental violations against them.(Please see list in envelope.)

Didion Milling has continually ignored zoning ordinances by building and doing other construction without proper permits.

We have two canning companies and Didion using large amounts of water. With the other ethanol plant within four miles from Cambria what will this do to our water supply?

We will gain nothing by having an ethanol plant in our village except health problems, noise from the Didion plant, smell, hazardous materials being moved through town, heavy truck traffic and noise from the trains. There will also be the added cost of street repairs and probably a drop in our property values.

The residents of Cambria voted NO against Didion Milling constructing an ethanol plant in or near our village in the 2003 April election referendum. Please vote NO too.

Thank you,

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