JAN. 25-'07. SUBMISSION TO THE MANITOBA
CLEAN ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION SCOPING
HEARINGS RE: THE SUSTAINABILITY OF HOG
BARN DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROVINCE.

Dear C.E.C.,

We the undersigned, reside in the vicinity of the
Town of Roblin, Manitoba. In 2000, (operating as “Citizens
Against Factory Farms”) we banded together to struggle
against a secretive plan for a massive complex of
hog factories in our community. We collected
extensive research from around the world and
soon discovered this kind of development to be a
misguided method of food production and a blight
on many hitherto happy communities. Here is a
brief summary of our findings, which we
respectfully suggest must be included on your
agenda for future meetings on this matter.

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Factory hog barns create;

1) HEALTH PROBLEMS: Reputable medical institutions like the Centres for Disease Control, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Canadian Medical Association, all warn that the long-standing overuse of antibiotics in raising the animals that we eat, like the pigs we produce "assembly-line-style," compromises the effectiveness of these drugs in fighting serious human infection.

2) ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: The slurry produced by millions of hogs is escaping from lagoons and spread-fields into our waterways. Knee jerk denials from industry notwithstanding, this slurry is a significant culprit in the eutrophication of lakes, rivers and streams. (NOTE: Manitoba now has enough hogs to produce waste comparable to that of the entire human population of Canada!)

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3) **CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST:** The history of hog factories here and elsewhere is rife with tales of corruption among approving authorities. This includes attempts (successful or otherwise) by elected officials to benefit financially if these industries go ahead.

4) **SECRECY:** It was apparent here that the public was not supposed to know too much, if anything about a network of hog factories until the planning was well developed and land deals put into place.

5) **COERCION:** At least three people linked to our citizens’ group were threatened with either loss of job or business if they spoke out publicly.

6) **FLAWED APPROVAL PROCESS:** Technical Review Committees are notorious for their bias toward proponents and their neglect of evidence of negative environmental consequences. Also familiar here and elsewhere are cozy relationships between appointees to the Committees who are also involved in the factory farm business.

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Scandalously absent from our Committee several years ago was any representation from Manitoba Health!

Thanks for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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CITIZEN/INDIVIDUAL STATEMENT REQUEST

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5. Subject of Statement: Submission on behalf of “Citizens for Family Farms” supporting the current moratorium on hog barn construction.

6. Available Date(s): Mar. 20th

7. Available Time(s): 1-5pm

8. Preferred Location: Dauphin MB

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