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Subject: Concerns about NEXT



Dear Casey Garrett,

I am concerned about the proposed NEXT biodiesel refinery. I believe it would be a harmful, unsustainable and dangerous undertaking, the results of which may be devastating.

We are at a place in time where the effects of climate change are well underway. We have to choose whether we do our part to create a liveable world for future generations, or keep following the old path that has led us to where we are now.

The soil where this is planned to be built is essentially like gold; it is that precious and rare. In a world where food scarcity for most is a real possibility, we must do what we can to preserve the precious farmlands we have.

I also know that the owners of NEXT have been irresponsible and done dirty business in the past: making a mess and then leaving everyone else to clean up.

I ask: what legacy would we like to leave behind--a rich farmland that supports people, animals and plants, or a place that works to add cash to the pockets of those who already are drowning in riches and effectively endangers the entire community who actually live and work there?

Sincerely,

Tegan
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