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Bourbon County Joint Planning Commission  
525 High Street  
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Reference: Conditional Use Permit CUP 20-06 (Menke - 161 Levy Road)

I have reviewed the business plan that has been presented by Justin and Susie Menke. I have had conversations with Mr. Menke regarding this proposed agribusiness venture. I would urge the Joint Planning Commission to approve their application.

I feel that their plan for a "family farm" is a great fit for the area that they have selected, for the North Middletown community and for Bourbon County. Agribusiness will be a perfect mesh with our rural community. Established small businesses in our community will also see traffic from the families and groups that visit the "family farm". I feel that the Menke's interest in collaborating with local farmers and other local entrepreneurs will benefit the entire community. This will be accomplished by providing farm and garden fresh foods to our community, and by providing an outlet for local wares.

Another exciting aspect of this business would be its location in relations to our elementary school. With the "family farm" adjoining the school's property, a great opportunity for multiple field trips will exist. This will give one more advantage to what is in my opinion the best elementary school in the state!

The soon to be adopted future land use map list this property as "Recreation/Open Space". I feel that the proposed agribusiness for this land would fit perfectly within the mindset for the area.

If I can be of any assistance, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jeff McFarland

Mayor

City of North Middletown