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Senator Goodman and Representative Sater Confirm Issuance of CAFO Permit

JEFFERSON CITY—Senator Jack Goodman and Representative David Sater confirmed today that the Department of Natural Resources has issued a permit for the construction of a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) near Roaring River State Park in Barry County.

Current laws limit the environmental impact CAFOs have on surrounding areas. However, many local residents feel these regulations do not go far enough and have expressed concerns that the CAFO could damage delicate ecological systems and adversely affect tourism – the region’s primary economic engine.

“This has been a frustrating situation for the people who have to live and work in Barry county and the surrounding area” said Senator Jack Goodman. “Apparently, the proposed CAFO has satisfied current environmental regulations. We have looked for ways to help find solutions for this problem, but there are some pretty serious constitutional questions raised by the state legislature dictating what private entities can and cannot do with their own land, especially when those entities are playing by the rules.”

Under current state law, counties and local governments have the power to pass zoning ordinances to regulate economic activity and land use in certain areas. Barry County has no zoning ordinances on the books.

“I am a strong believer in free enterprise and the property owner’s right to do with their property what they want to do. I do not believe you can take anyone’s land to create buffer zones, nor have I heard from anyone on how to compensate the property owner if he did want to sell,” said Rep. Sater. “What this really boils down to is the majority of people I’ve talked to in Barry County do not want zoning. I believe in local control and if people really want regulations that prevent CAFO’s from being built around state parks they need to put pertinent zoning on the books.”

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