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STATEMENT

Senator Dan Clemens Reacts to Judicial Ruling Obstructing CAFO Construction in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Dan Clemens, R-Marshfield, today issued the following statement regarding yesterday’s decision by Cole County Judge Patricia Joyce that could effectively halt the building of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in Missouri.

The judge ruled in favor of Friends of Arrow Rock, a group specifically formed to oppose the construction of a hog CAFO near the Arrow Rock community, and imposed a 15-mile radius buffer zone around the site and other nearby sites.

Doyle Childers, director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, is expected to appeal the decision.

“This is a serious blow to modern, safe agricultural practices. It is also a more severe blow to areas of Missouri that depend on agriculture for survival.

“This ruling also decreases opportunities for young Missourians to stay in profitable farming.

“I urge Director Childers to appeal this ruling as soon as possible.”

-State Senator Dan Clemens

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