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Good morning Maren,

I'm writing to you in regards to SpringDell Farm. I am not a Littleton resident, but I am a long-time member of the SpringDell CSA (meat, produce and winter programs), which accounts for roughly 50% of my family's food consumption. I live in Groton, but to me the borders between these towns are irrelevant when it comes to the most important things that draw us to live in this region. We *all* benefit from the picturesque landscape, the beautiful farms and the locally/sustainably sourced food supply that they provide. We are willing to pay top dollar to live here, BECAUSE of farms like SpringDell. This region also draws visitors who love the quaint towns, lovely farm stands, increasingly popular eateries and other small businesses that sit among our quintessentially New England towns. We need to fight to preserve that, because THAT is why we live here.

I am not a composting expert. These land use things get complicated; I get it. None of us want to see anything toxic, environmentally unfriendly, or dangerous happening on her farm. But unless I'm hugely mistaken, what she's requesting of the planning board is none of those things. And so, I respectfully request that you really weigh the impact of her seemingly-benign composting plans against all that can be lost if she's *not* able to add this source of income in order to keep SpringDell going.

To be clear, Jamie is not my family, nor are we even close friends. But our relationship is equally important--she's my FARMER. SpringDell and all that it offers this community is very important to my family's and our entire multi-town community's quality of life. I support her composting business plans, and hope that the planning board does the same.

Respectfully yours,
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