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STATE OF ILLINOIS Pollution Control Board

The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County

August 8, 2011

Illinois Pollution Control Board Attention: Clerk's Office James R. Thompson Center Suite 11-500 100 W. Randolph Chicago, IL 60601

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Dear Board Members:

Our League is currently studying the future of dairy farming in Jo Daviess County. We have been informed by Mr. Tim Fox of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that they are formulating new rulings relating to animal waste, which will then be brought before the Illinois Pollution Control Board for two hearings.

Jo Daviess County farms rank #1 in Illinois cow/calf operations and #3 in dairy farms. The proposed rulings will undoubtedly have an effect on our county.

We therefore respectfully request an **Illinois** Pollution Control Board hearing relating to these rulings be held here. We have several appropriate venues, including the Elizabeth Community Building and the Apple River Event Center. They are both large and comfortable and would be excellent for such a meeting.

We believe that not only our farmers, but the community at large would appreciate the opportunity to participate in a hearing.

We would appreciate your consideration of this request. Upon your decision to hold a hearing here, we will be glad to make arrangements for it.

Sincerely,

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