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**Subject:** RE: letter for Petition for a proposed City of "Golden"

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Please see my letter considering the city of Golden.

May 26, 2021

TO: MIAMI COUNTY ADMINISTRATION (OFFICIALS-COMMISSIONERS)

Dear All Respected,

I reside at 22031 S. Moonlight Road, Spring Hill, Kansas, and have been a resident of this address since 1994, or 27 years. Our Family came to this area in the 1860s, and homesteaded south of Spring Hill, KS and was one of the earliest settlers in the area. Many of our family lived in the Spring Hill and Paola area over the years and experienced the growth from a rural to more urban vicinity setting.

Regardless of the growth in the area I live in, we enjoy a community (within proposed Golden City Limits) that has a more residential setting, not the next door farmer that we experienced 50 years ago. Although, several families do have farms that receive income from their land, more however enjoy the ability to keep a few livestock, farm animals and produce large gardens. We are blessed to have a **quality of life** that goes back to the days of our Grandparents or Relatives before us.

The roads are busier now (still, people are walking with their kids or riding bicycles). We can hear our neighbors' children playing, dogs barking and coyotes howling at night.

The issue we face in the future is— the change of that **quality of life** to an industrial type of community. We will lose our ability to walk down our roads, will worry about the children possibly playing close to the roads and hear the sound of semi-trucks driving by, and even sirens going off because of the numerous people that the warehouses bring to the community.

Our **quality of life** has changed. Our assessed taxes will support the "industrial" not the "agri-residential" type of land that we live on.

Recently, I came home from Gardner, driving South on Gardner Road to the intersection of 215<sup>th</sup> and was getting ready to turn east and a semi-truck had approached the intersection and wanted to turn north onto Gardner Road from 215<sup>th</sup>. I could not turn onto 215<sup>th</sup> until the semi-truck backed up. I like to ride my bicycle on Moonlight Road and take walks also, like my neighbors do. If we turn this area into "an industrial" type of community, the roads will not be safe to do these activities. Times are changing, but as growth continues in this area, my preference is for a residential type of city not industrial.

The American dream that our ancestors fought for when they came to America consisted of owning their own land, raising their families in a free nation, where they could work and enjoy the freedom to speak, freedom to worship and have a home that gave their children the ability to dream also and enjoy the beautiful land that America is blessed with. Thank you for your consideration to keep our area rural and give our children the opportunity to live in a rural community. Thank for your work in Miami County, in our great state of Kansas.

PLEASE VOTE YES FOR GOLDEN!

Sincerely,

Roger Stiles