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Subject: Fwd: Letter to Miami County Commissioners re Golden

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Please note my letter in support of the establishment of the City of Golden in the PDF below. Thank you.

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I am writing to you, the County Commissioners of Miami County, to ask that you please vote Yes to allow the establishment of the City of Golden.

I live a quarter of a mile from the proposed warehouse development starting at Moonlight and 215th Street. I have lived here for 30 years and have raised my family here. I have lived in this area for 40 years.

I want you to know that I am all for economical growth in Miami county. I am all for organized planned growth where like uses of land are placed together. In any type of organization like objects are put together. In the kitchen, when you are in need of efficiency and flow of work, all the spoons are placed in one drawer and all the sharp knives are placed in another drawer. It's done this way so you know where the spoons will always be and where the sharp knives will be. If you reach into the spoon drawer and you get a cut somehow the sharp knives have found their way into the spoon drawer. Over time, as more sharp knives find there way into the spoon drawer, it becomes too painful and dangerous to go into the spoon drawer. You may think what does this have to do with establishing the City of Golden.

The area, designated as Golden, can be equated to the spoon drawer. The the LPKC Intermodal can be equated to the sharp knife drawer, the area of proposed warehouses, can be equated to the sharp knives that have found their way out of the sharp knife drawer into the spoon drawer. These two areas could not be more different and incompatible.

The area of Golden, the spoon drawer, is inhabited by people who pay county, state and federal taxes. They live and let live. They provide for themselves and their families. They appreciate nature and the natural way of life. They appreciate clean air and water. They appreciate living in proximity to wildlife, the sunrises and sunsets and all that nature provides. They are concerned about the environment. They are willing to meet challenges as they come up. They are used to predictable order. They call their land, no matter how large or small, Home.

The area designated for warehouses, the sharp knives, will be inhabited by clients of industrial developers who ask for tax abatements from cities and counties. These industrial developers invade rural residential areas because they say rural areas are merely holding areas waiting for industrial development. They purchase large tracts of land with little regard for people who have homes on smaller tracts of land nearby. They have expressed an attitude of surround and drown. In preparation for building warehouses they scrape all the vegetation and trees off of the land, burn structures that may exist on the land and flatten it so they can cover it with concrete and steel. Once the structures of concrete and steel have been constructed the area is left to be incompatible with nature and the natural way of life for generations to come. The establishment of warehouses readies the area for pollution of water, air and sound. It readies the area for semi truck traffic that is incompatible with the narrow county roads leading

to disruption of traffic flow and safety of all who live in proximity, or anyone traveling through northern Miami County. Instead of predictable order, they will set the stage for chaos. The developers promise jobs, but what they are really interested in is Money for Themselves and would most likely have the warehouses automated rather than employ people.

Since we have been aware of the proposed invasion of warehouses into our rural residential area, facilitated by the City of Edgerton, we have asked for help to keep the sharp knives out of our spoon drawer. We have asked the government of the City of Edgerton for help, they have made fun of us or ignored our objections to having warehouses built within feet of many Homes and Families. We have also asked our representatives from Johnson County, Miami County, and the state of Kansas for help. All say there is nothing they can do as the City of Edgerton has all the say in the matter.

Our only hope, to have a voice in the sane, planned and methodical economical development of this part of Miami County, is to establish the City of Golden, named for the Golden Rule. Who would think that the industrial sprawl could invade our rural way of life seven miles from the Intermodal at LPKC. There are many ways to accomplish economic development that is compatible with the rural residential designation that our area currently hold. We are good citizens and want planned economic development that is best for everyone not just what is best and monetarily beneficial for some at the detriment of others.

I hope this analogy helps you understand the dire situation we are facing.
Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
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