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Mr. Bryan P. Hurlburt
Commissioner, Department of Agriculture
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 701
Hartford, CT 06103

Re: 500 Brown Road, Voluntown, CT

Dear Commissioner Hurlburt,

The First Selectman and concerned citizens have brought their worries to my attention regarding a situation where the state might use the site at 500 Brown Road in Voluntown for the disposal and composting of carcasses and other debris that might have been infected by avian influenza or other biohazards. It is my understanding that such action is required of the agency by federal law and that DoAg is still determining the best site for this process to take place. I am writing you today asking that you do not designate 500 Brown Road as a disposal and composting site for such purposes.

The concerns our community has are regarding numerous domestic and commercial poultry operations being located within a mile of this location; the need to use town property for access to this site; the amount of traffic this operation could cause in the surrounding areas; and the public health as well as environmental concerns associated with such a process taking place in town.

Voluntown has made it clear that they do not consent to the use of this land for such a process. Following the First Selectman's letter to DoAg, I began actively working with other legislators, that have districts more centrally located to the largest poultry producers in the state, who feel their districts might be supportive and have land available for such a purpose.

In an effort to work with the agency and provide potential locations outside of Voluntown - I would like to request a meeting to discuss this matter further and hopefully come to an amicable solution on the location of this site.

Best,



Brian Lanoue

State Representative - 45th District

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Cc: Tracey Hanson, First Selectman, Voluntown