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I am in Support of this House Bill, but am asking that the Committee to be very cautious before approval of this Bill. There needs to be much discussion, more information and research by Universities and Experts in the field. We MUST Protect our Natural and Environmental Resources to include Drinking Water and Run-Off Water with regular monitoring and testing requirements. We NEED to ensure that the spreading of Waste Sludge that we do NOT contaminate our Food Sources or Farming Activities. We NEED to ensure that the Nitrogen and Phosphorus measurements and mixture spreading are being done in the proper way. I agree with Water Sampling and Groundwater Monitoring in sensitive areas across the State.***Note to the Committee: I am calling for an Investigation into five (5) Water Board Members and Appointing two (2) of their friends with Conflict-Of-Interest by creating a "Shell-Company" to pay themselves \$25,000 a year (Yes \$25,000 a year-You have read it correctly), plus Trips and Benefits ripping-off Rate-Payers with 800-Customers and \$800,000 in Revenue of the East-Central Missouri Water & Sewer Authority, whereby ALL Assets are owned by Public Water District Two (2) of Saint Charles County. These are Crimes and Violations of Chapter 247 of the Revised State Statutes of Missouri bypassing ALL Regulations of both the Public Service Commission & the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. For more information please Contact Me at ArnieDienoff@Yahoo.Com



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I live just down the road where they had to close the road because of a spill. I am 76, have heart issues. I need to be able to go outside for walking. I can't even sit out side. I have had lung issues also, so it makes it extremely hard to even walk to my mailbox to get my mail. I have in the past gotten hay for my horses; but they won't even eat it since they have put this on their own fields.



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WITNESS NAME: BLAIR A POWELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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To Whom It May Concern:I am testifying to address the issues that have risen from the construction of the Denali Lagoon. I have a significant concern regarding my property that is located at 29837 Palm Road, just north of the Denali Lagoon that was built a year after my home was constructed.This project was never communicated to me or addressed with the surrounding neighbors. If I would have known the plans I would never have built my dream home on this property. The property, a 6200 sq ft home nestled next to a fully stocked pond valued at \$550,000, has been adversely affected due to the persistent, unlivable odor emanating from the Denali Lagoon throughout the year. We know longer fill safe eating the fish that have been stocked for 3 years in this pond. Originally planned as food storage is now unsafe for consumption due to run off from the surrounding fields owned by Denali contractor Jerry Evans.The odor from the Denali Lagoon has substantially diminished the livability and value of the property, rendering it unsuitable for habitation or normal use. The outside odor permeates the inside of the home as well as polluting my freshly dug well. Despite efforts to mitigate the odor, its pervasive nature has caused severe discomfort and inconvenience, affecting our quality of life and the market value of the property. Events that are planned outdoors, wedding receptions, family gatherings and church events have all needed to be moved indoors or canceled because of the odor coming from the Lagoon. This has caused financial losses and adverse distress.Thank you for considering helping the people of SWMO.Sincerely,Blair Powell



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We need to do something to protect our water when dnr who is sopost to work for the people and protect the people are all for big companies with lots of money who has to be sued just to do there job I use to have more faith and trust in out governor but not now. We have to protect our water.



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Increased sinus problems when smell is strong.



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I am opposed to drilling this sludge in the ground to use a a means of discarding the waste.



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WITNESS NAME: DONNIE MCDONALD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My name is Donnie McDonald I live a quarter mile straight East of the basin they have put in a Jacksonville Missouri we need to put a stop to this I've been in around the farming industry all my life I've been in hog confinement buildings I've cleaned out some local farmers hog pens none of these is smelled anything like this this is horrible it is hazardous to be breathing this 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days a year we do not need to be dumping grounds for other states we need to stop them from bringing their sludge in and spreading across Missouri and ruin our ground and contaminating it this basin is in the Mark Twain watershed that supplies thousands of people for drinking water let alone everybody that fishes the lake and be eating the fish coming out of it with all the pollutions that could possibly end up in there from this Basin and the terrible application on our fields Denali has spread this stuff on fields when the ground is Frozen and when it is raining and this is a violation one of many violations Denali has had we need to put a stop to this before it gets out of hand and stop it before it even gets filled up on this basin and protect people in southern Missouri that have already got basins down there and spreading off of thank you



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WITNESS NAME: DOUGLAS WAYNE HARPER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I have lived on the Indian Creek watershed for over 50 years on property that has been passed down generationally since the 1840's. I reside 3 miles north of Stella, Mo and 3 miles northwest of Evans Lagoon. I have cattle that will no longer drink out of the creek, watched algae blooms occur on the creek that have not occurred before the introduction of industrial sludge as "fertilizer ". Crayfish and hellgramite populations in the creek have diminished greatly. I have observed this sludge being applied within 20 feet of the creek, leaking application tanks crossing the creek and leaking application vehicles leaking this sludge up and down roadways. Evans Lagoon is unlined and allegedly holds three million gallons of these forever chemicals. No independent testing occurs. In my opinion DNR is compromised as when you call they say it's not their responsibility. The stench is unbearable in the summer, no more hanging clothes on the line to dry as they smell as if they were immersed in excrement. The infestation of flies at times are unbearable. The stench draws in black headed buzzards by the droves that will attack and feed of cattle giving birth and calves. As a person who suffers from a severe autoimmune disorder, mixed connective tissue disease, I am concerned on added exposure to this unregulated waste. Property values have been affected greatly. Missouri Legislators should protect the streams, waters, soils of the State of Missouri from this industrial waste for the future generations. The majority of this waste is being trucked in from out of state to our poorest counties and communities. Please support this action, protect the health of our citizens and the environment.



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WITNESS NAME: ERIC NORRIS		PHONE NUMBER:
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I support this bill and any bill that will eliminate large corporations from shipping, storing, and spreading solid waste on farmland in Missouri under the disguise as fertilizer. It's solid waste, not fertilizer and it is polluting our State!



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WITNESS NAME: HEATHER BOLLINGER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I no longer live in Wheaton, MO, however my dad does. As soon as I enter the area I'm immediately assaulted by the horrendous smell. Some days being outside is unbearable. I don't feel that these lagoons are safe. If allowed to continue our waterways and soil will become contaminated, and dangerous. This needs to stop yesterday!!



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES LUECKE		PHONE NUMBER:
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We need to stop the pollution of our communities



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WITNESS NAME: JEFFREY BATEMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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Hello! I just wanted to write to you in regards to the Denali land applying application and the storage lagoon. We live about 2 miles south of the Jerry Evans lagoon and it has made a huge impact on our lives since this went in, especially within the last year. The smell is horrendous, when this first started out they said they would spread it a couple times a year, now it is being spread daily somewhere around here and we smell it almost every day. We can't sit outside and enjoy our property days that it smells. My son plays outside for a few minutes and comes in and has to change his clothes because he stinks so bad. It's like the smell just absorbs in whatever it gets on. We can't leave our windows in our house, shop, or cars open. I have had to buy the most expensive filters for our ac unit cause it is coming in thru it, and that only helps a little, many days we have had to just shut our ac off. Not only is the smell a huge problem, but the flies out here are terrible. I spend \$200-\$300 a month on stuff to kill and catch flies, plus we pay an exterminator to come spray outside our home and shop every month. You know how nasty flies are to begin with, having them coated on your house so thick you can't see the siding is ridiculous. Our little highway used to just be a very quiet road, now it is like grand central station with the Denali trucks going by all hours of the day/night one right after the other. They are tearing up our roads and that is our tax money that has to pay to have them repaired. Since this has came in and being used more it is ruining our little community, people in the town complain of the smell, the kids at school don't want to go outside for recess because of the smell, it is affecting businesses in our area because people don't want to go eat or sit outside with the smell. We have ballgames at the school and other schools have had parents and kids get sick, throw up and have to leave or go sit in their car because of the smell. Some of the ballgames have even been moved to other locations because of the smell. Not only is the smell a huge problem, but what is in the sludge is very alarming, it's like we are being poisoned by our neighbors and no one will do anything about it. I really don't think people that don't live around here have any clue what we are dealing with or what we have dealt with for 3 years now. We have made many calls to DNR, the sheriff's office, or anyone that we feel will help, only to keep running into dead ends. Missouri is an agricultural state, not a dump for industrial waste. This stuff is waste, it is not fertilizer, it should be treated as waste, not dumped on our land. Please stand behind these bills and help us out!! Thanks!



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER WILSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I live within 1/2 a mile of the Gideon Lagoon and am so frustrated by the fact I cannot go outside and enjoy beautiful days, hesitate to turn my air on, or open my windows on nice days due to the horrendous smell we have to endure. If people who build chicken houses have to have approval of neighbors if they have over a certain amount of birds, to build more chicken houses - why didn't we have to approve of this lagoon? The spreading of sludge on lands has not only deteriorated fields, but has also deteriorated state and county roads, as well as hindering the flow of traffic on these roads. I love living in the country in a home passed down for three generations, but this literally makes me want to sell out and move



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WITNESS NAME: KENDA RANAE LUECKE		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am in support of this legislation to stop the practice of dumping waste water in our communities across Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: KORRIE BATEMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Hello, my name is Korrie Bateman, I live here in Newton Co and my home is located approximately 2 miles south of the Evans basin, which stores waste for Denali. Since this basin has went in and they have been land applying the sludge all around our home, our lives have significantly changed for the worse. Although the odor is most people's concern, which it is horrendous, our main concern is the harmful chemicals in the sludge and what it is doing to our ground and waterways. Especially when it is being over applied so heavily that it is just standing in the fields. I own my own dog grooming business and I have lost business from days that it smells so bad out, people don't want their dogs leaving my shop smelling of that putrid odor. Where there is odor there are also flies, millions and millions of flies!!! We have spent so much money on fly control it is unreal, and we can't get rid of them, somedays we can't even control them. Back in Sept a neighbor of ours had sludge spread on her field here by our house, the odor was so strong we had to leave our home and go stay with family for 2 days. We couldn't get away from the smell, even in our own home. It was coming in through our ac, anytime you opened a door, our entire home smelled horrible. It's not just a smell though, the sludge has so much oil and chemicals in it, that it just sticks to your clothes, furniture, bedding, whatever it settles on. We have called the DNR multiple times reporting odors and we have even called the Newton Co Sheriff's office and filed reports. We thought about just moving, but we know the value of our home has dropped and we will have trouble selling, then again, why should we be uprooted from our own home?? This sludge is not fertilizer, it is waste and that is how it should be treated. It shouldn't be brought out here and dumped on our land, it should be disposed of properly. There are other ways to dispose of it that would be beneficial. I feel if the proper means of testing this waste was done, our state would see what a huge problem this is and ban it all together. We are not a dumpsite for these big corporations, we are an agricultural state, stop making us a dumpsite!!!



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WITNESS NAME: MARTIN CREWS		PHONE NUMBER:
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The sludge from those pits is making the community i live in absolutely unbearable at times....between the flies and stench going outdoors can be impossible



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WITNESS NAME: MIKE DEERING		PHONE NUMBER: 573-499-9162	
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Simply put, there is a problem that needs fixed. This is a complex issue that needs a pragmatic approach that minimizes the potential for unintended consequences. Our association fully supports more local processing in our state and with that comes residuals that need appropriately managed. We believe this can be done without negatively impacting processing or farm and ranch families. Rep. Deaton's legislation delivers the most level headed approach to this issue and is narrowly focused as not overreaching. This bill aligns with requirements already required of animal feeding operations putting protections and safeguards in place via operating permits with sensible requirements for the land application of food processing residuals. We commend Rep. Deaton for working directly with landowners, trade groups and processors over the past six years to develop legislation that addresses the problem instead of creating new ones.



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WITNESS NAME: PATRICK MILLER		PHONE NUMBER:
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We live in Fairview Missouri on a small farm. We love the rural lifestyle for our family. We support HB 1956. The Evans lagoon has affected our quality of life due to the absolute terrible smell and know if allowed to continue with the material being spread on our community lands it will affect our water! Please support this bill. Thank you, Patrick Miller Fairview, Missouri



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Thank you for the opportunity to testify to support clean water in our community. We the past years we have watched in disbelief as truck after truck hauling what we have understood to be "SLUDGE" down our country road near our family's farm to be dumped on areas of land not far from our farm. The first area they began dumping in being so over saturated with the sludge we could not believe anyone would allow this or that it was legal to do such a thing. The land didn't even look like normal pasture land anymore. We are greatly concerned as more areas of land around our family farm have started having some of the same trucks spreading what appears to be known as SLUDGE. We along with many neighbors are concerned about how this will impact our water wells if allowed to continue. We attended a meeting held in McDonald County in the past years and have watched and felt like DNR was not doing anything to protect its citizens in this regard. We also spend a great deal of time kayaking Indian Creek which runs through McDonald County and just across the street from our home. The creek is recreation to many people and it's a joy to see people enjoying it my entire life. This waterway needs protection from the harmful effects of SLUDGE application. Please support the legislation to protect our wells and waterways!!



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I would like to share how this waste has effected my community negatively. I live in McDonald Co. and though none of my neighbors have applied it, it doesnt matter, the stench is beyond anything you can imagine! I have driven by the elementary school with my windows up, and nose covered, and seen children outside at recess! How safe can that be for these kids breathing this, when I, in my car with the windows rolled up and holding my nose can still smell it! I have teacher friends at Wheaton School District that have told me on the days they spread that nasty stuff on pastures, the kids ask to stay inside! That is not right! Our kids should not have to give up activities that they have a right to, because it smells so bad. I hate to think what this is doing to our farm land, wells, and water ways in this area. I believe it is all getting poisoned, and we are going to have a mess on our hands. Whats going to happen when we find out we can no longer farm around here, because our land is tainted? Has anyone thought of that? Please, please I beg you to help us end this nasty sludge. Make these companies that are making millions off of us, find safe ways to get rid of this, instead of putting their problems, on us simple people just trying to live, and support our families. Thank you so much for your time and hearing our concerns. Please help us keep our families, and livelihood safe. Sjana Stephens 874 Rt. U Rocky Comfort, Mo



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Denali's practice of "fertilizing" the surrounding land is polluting the air with, at a minimum, an aroma that will hurt your throat while breathing. I support any business that is providing a service to keep our food supply going. But, not at the cost of my health. No study, no amount of soil samples, no amount of high yield hay pastures will convince me this is ok! I have done construction on Waste Water plants all over. The aroma is not one of costic nature. The process requires that the bi products be spread on pasture land also. But has been airiated and broken down to an acceptable level so as to not pollute the soil or the air around it! This is an expense encured by each municipality all over this country. An epa regulated and documented practice. Pretreatment is common. Also where this bi product comes from. A simple additional step to make this acceptable would greatly improve everyone's mood on the subject.



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Respected Members of the Committee, I submit testimony before you today to express my support for HB1956, urging a critical review of a significant threat to our state—a threat that not only jeopardizes our ecosystems and human health but also potentially endangers our aquatic life. As someone rooted in farming practices and coming from a family with deep agricultural ties, I advocate for responsible farming methods. However, the proposed distribution of what's termed "fertilizer" obscures a darker reality. This substance, lauded for its beneficial phosphorus and nitrogen content, hides a hazardous truth—it is an industrial wastewater treatment residue housing perilous elements like mercury, excessively high levels of ammonia, PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), and a plethora of harmful components. These substances, deemed waste by their creators, originate from combining potent industrial chemicals with caustic materials to render undigested, organic matter inert. Disposal services handle the removal of this hazardous byproduct, showing little substantive concern for its grave impacts. The crux of the issue arises from the lack of consistency among treatment methods and chemical compositions used across different facilities. Each origination site follows a unique process, resulting in a blend of diverse toxins and residues in holding basins, exacerbating the risks associated with these facilities. These hazardous materials not only threaten our environment and waterways but also pose an immediate danger to human health and the delicate balance of aquatic ecosystems. Fish and other aquatic organisms, crucial to our ecosystems, face dire consequences due to water contamination from these toxic materials. Moreover, the presence of PFAS and other harmful substances in aquatic environments can lead to severe disruptions in the reproductive cycles of fish and the broader aquatic food chain. Ecosystem disruptions extend to our wetlands and water bodies, impacting the delicate balance of aquatic flora and fauna. If left unchecked, the prolonged exposure to such hazardous elements can result in irreversible harm to our aquatic life in Missouri, compromising the health and balance of our water ecosystems for years to come. Therefore, it is imperative to establish stringent guidelines regarding the permissible materials for land application across our state. We must protect not only our farmlands and communities but also the intricate web of aquatic life that sustains our natural ecosystems. Our collective actions today will determine the health and vitality of our ecosystems and the well-being of future generations. Thank you for your earnest consideration of this urgent matter.



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To whom it may concern, I am writing to make it known that the application of sludge has had negative impacts on the quality of my family's life. I do not know what compounds are in the odor, but they have made me nauseous and given me headaches. On multiple occasions the smell has saturated our property making it extremely unpleasant to be in our own back yard. We have had out of town friends visit who come to the area to enjoy the rugged beauty of the Ozark's hills and streams. They have seen and smelled this sludge industry at work have had their opinions about the cleanliness of our water changed for the worse. I grew up here and have raised my kids here and never hesitated recreating in the local streams. These streams now have a tainted character - one feels a little grossed out by being in them. I am not alone in this feeling and if this practice continues it will have grave consequences for the outdoor recreation industry (as I have personally witnessed through the eyes of out-of-state friends). Also, this industry is creating a sense of insecurity regarding the quality of our drinking water and food. When I bought hay this year, I had to make certain it was produced free of sludge. But as time goes on and properties change hands, if one is concerned about the quality of the food and forage they buy for themselves or their livestock, the certainty that it will be clean of potential toxins will increasingly diminish. Also, the lack of 'at random testing' of this material makes people uneasy and will continue to raise suspicion and resentment. What we are getting is bad stuff, but without random testing of tankers, lagoons and fields, public resentment and suspicion will only increase as people rightfully fear that greed will let even greater toxins be slipped in to be cheaply disposed of. Thank you, Caleb Wardlaw



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I am super hard against the sludge and the terrible things it does to our beautiful Missouri. As someone who has experienced it 1st hand I would like to share a bit about how unbelievably awful it is. The individual bordering our property spread it aprx 100' from our house and the stench was so bad we contemplated leaving and getting a hotel. A person can't go outside and bbq and enjoy the eve because the stench is overpowering and it will stick to your hair and clothes. We couldn't run our ac on our vehicles because it would suck the stench into the air system and blow it in your face. Now for the part that is disturbing, the sludge not only has a terrible stench but it also contains metals that contaminate the water supply that we drink, and anyone with a little bit of knowledge of how the body works knows that what goes in your mouth and you swallow will go to your stomach and from there your body has to process these things, so now therefore our bodies are becoming contaminated against our wishes and desires. Where are our elected officials? Where are the people who actually have enough morals to stand up against what is happening? And while I realize most elected officials have no idea about what we have to live with on a daily basis my only plea is this, listen to cry coming from your fellow Missourians, as many people as there is who are concerned about this it should raise a question in your minds about how good this "free fertilizer" is (there again im no genius but if something is free there's a good chance the quality of the free product is very poor). So again I beg of you to listen to pleas of the people who live with this day in and day out.



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Too many times communities have been run over by corporations trying to find an easy wsy of disposing of their waste. I am not close to the area of the lagoons , but the odor is horrible for me miles away on certain days and the communities nearby are affected by odors so strong the children don't want to be outside at home or school. The wells are in danger of being polluted and all of our property values will be dropping rapidly just from the odor let alone what will happen when the health of our people begins to deteriorate. There are new ways to that use this sludge in an environmentally safe way that can be put into place, bring jobs and these companies know it.



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for informational purposes on HB 1956 and HB 2134. My name is Jaelithe Virgin-Downey and I am Policy Coordinator for Missouri Coalition for the Environment. These bills are both aimed at addressing the concerns of many Missourians who are impacted by the activities of the company, Denali Water Solutions, LLC - which I refer to as "Denali." Since Fall of 2022, I, along with MCE's legal team, have investigated the operations of Denali and similar companies. This research spans multiple Sunshine requests to DNR, email communications with DNR, Sunshine documents from the Missouri Fertilizer Control Board, as well as speaking directly with impacted Missouri residents. I want to convey the results of this research to the committee, as the legislature has the opportunity to protect the vital natural resources that Missourians rely upon and ensure that businesses which operate in the state are held accountable. Denali accepts waste for transport, storage, and land application. DNR's data from July 2023 shows that Denali takes waste from dozens of companies which are primarily involved in various types of food production. The list of waste Denali accepts is long. It includes but is not limited to waste from the processing of food products, livestock feed products, poultry hatcheries, meat processing, pet food processing, the slaughter of animals, and fat, oils, or grease processing. We have also received records indicating that Denali has also accepted domestic wastewater from water treatment plants. Denali stores all these separate waste streams together in lagoons. We are talking millions of gallons of various wastes mixed together. The company has three lagoons in Newton, McDonald, and Macon Counties. A fourth has been built in Randolph County. As a last step, Denali land applies the waste from its lagoons onto farmland. The public outcry against Denali's operations is strong and for good reason. I have spoken personally with residents who regularly experience intense odors on their own properties as a result of Denali's presence. Denali has had multiple road spills as well as a lagoon overflow. They have also been issued several notices of violation as a result of improper land application which contaminated waters of the state. Most recently, Denali's irresponsible land application practices caused DNR to revoke its permittance of Denali to land apply without a permit. Many Missourians fear for their water quality- their surface waters yes, but also the groundwater they use for drinking water. It should be noted that many rural residents rely upon safe groundwater for the sake of their families and their livelihoods. While Denali is not the only company in Missouri to handle these types of waste, Denali is the most prevalent. Their actions - and the harms they have caused - demonstrate a need for Missouri's legislature to act swiftly to ensure accountability for existing harms and ensure activities that cause these harms do not occur in the future. MCE has identified several ways in which Denali has taken advantage of Missouri's regulations that the legislature can take action on in order to protect Missourians now and into the future. Our research has shown that for years, Denali has been exempted from DNR rules for 1) minimum design standards 2) construction permits, and 3) operating permits for

their lagoons and land application operations. I urge the committee to consider how to best address these issues and ensure that companies cannot take advantage of Missouri's laws and regulations.

The first regulatory issue with Denali is their exemption to DNR's minimum design standards for how they build their lagoons. The company received this exemption by avoiding being classified as an agrichemical facility by DNR. The current DNR definition of "agrichemical facility" only applies to facilities that operate for "for more than thirty (30) consecutive days per year." Denali reported to DNR that the company would operate their lagoon for less than 30 consecutive days at a time. This resulted in DNR not classifying it as an agrichemical facility- and therefore exempting Denali from applicable regulations. This loophole remains in DNR's definition of "Agrichemical Facility" and MCE recommends that any legislation intended to address the issues posed by Denali eliminate this hole in regulation.

Secondly, there is concern with Denali's ability to receive an exemption from lagoon construction permits. This is the case, for example, with Denali's Newton County facility. Email communications between MCE and DNR, as well as Sunshine Records, indicated that the company was not required to receive a construction permit for their lagoon because the waste they collect was considered to be "Industrial Food Residuals"- a substance deemed a "Fertilizer" licensed by the Fertilizer Control Board. As a result, DNR held that the material is not a "wastewater" subject to construction permit requirements. However, "Industrial Food Residuals" is not a term defined within DNR regulations and MCE's research has not identified a DNR rule which grants a construction permit exemption based upon material being categorized as a "Fertilizer" licensed with the Fertilizer Control Board. It is MCE's position that Denali's ability to skirt construction permit rules demonstrates that action must be taken to properly categorize this material with consistent regulatory language and ensure companies handling this waste are not able to avoid receiving a construction permit. Lastly, for years Denali has been able to receive an exemption from operating permits for their facilities using DNR regulation 10 CSR 20-6.015(3)(B)(8), which reads as follows: "Products containing or derived from sludges, biosolids or other process wastes when such products are licensed under the Missouri Fertilizer Law, sections 266.291 through 266.351, RSMo and regulations and the products do not exceed pollutant standards for protection of public health and the environment as established by the department. To receive this exemption, the manufacturer or distributor shall submit an initial report to the department on the pollutant content of the product and shall file periodic monitoring reports as determined necessary by the department." Sunshine Records show that once Denali received this exemption, DNR provided some instructions for how to apply the material in order to maintain the exemption, recommendations for how to properly land apply, and required a new testing report to be submitted after three years. Denali was therefore able to operate without being subject to the land application and facility management rules that an operating permit would have required by law. To provide an example of the missing oversight within this system- with this exemption in place, Denali only had to submit infrequent laboratory reports for individual waste streams, not testing of the mixed waste content of the lagoons where the waste was stored. This is significant because it is the material from the lagoons, a mix of the individual waste streams, that is land applied. With all of the information received and reviewed, we at MCE feel this exemption places Missouri's communities and natural resources at risk. And it's not only Denali- a number of other companies have been able to take advantage of this rule as well. As of this summer- companies taking advantage of this DNR exemption were unable to receive permits from the Fertilizer Control Board. Without one of the requirements to receive the exemption, these companies no longer qualified. This prompted DNR to exercise its enforcement discretion while permit applications were submitted. However, the exemption itself remains on the books, opening up the possibility of future use. It would benefit Missouri if the legislature enacted policies that ensure businesses seeking to store and land apply sludges, biosolids, and process waste are not exempt from the accountability provided by operating permits. To conclude my testimony, the current state of our regulations have created a situation where Denali and other companies are able to operate without vital accountability to protect human health and our natural resources. The loophole for minimum design standards at agrichemical facilities remains in regulation. The ability for a company to avoid a construction permit based on categorization as Industrial Food Residuals, a term that is undefined in our rules and regulations, remains an outstanding issue. Despite the shifts in the regulatory landscape on the issue of operating permit exemptions, the exemption that Denali and other companies have taken advantage of remains on the books. As a result, the Missouri Legislature has the opportunity to ensure that companies such as Denali cannot operate without appropriate oversight, land application rules, and waste testing- all of which are critical to protecting the health of our communities. Thank you all for your consideration and for the opportunity to present this information. I would be happy to answer any questions.



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MPUA could be in support of this Bill if the current requirements under the NPDES permits administered by the Department of Natural Resources meet the requirements of licensure for land application under HB 1956. Biosolid land application has been historically supported by both the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency as an acceptable way to reuse Biosolids with a long history of testing and tracking requirements to ensure the health and safety of application sites. Requiring Municipalities who land apply biosolids themselves required to obtain another permit and section of law to comply with just to apply biosolids creates a regulatory conflict between the Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Fertilizer Law of whose authority supersedes. This also creates burdensome red tape for municipalities that is not needed and is already covered through existing State and Federal Regulation.



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My name is Karen McAllister, and I want to express my concerns about the current practices of sludge application and storage, especially with regard to the proposed waste basin and its contents in Jacksonville, MO. I am a farmer’s wife, a mother of three young children, and an educator at a health sciences college in Missouri. My family and I reside on a farm here in Jacksonville, MO- a farm that has been in the family for 175 years. On this farm, we have several working wells that we pull water from. For the past few years, we have endured the spreading of this “fertilizer” on the field across from our home and on the fields adjoining ours to the west of our home. We have felt like prisoners in our own home during and after this spreading, unable to enjoy the outdoors or even walk to our cars to leave without smelling the wretched odor. The smell is nauseating and has caused my child to be sick, throwing up multiple times after just seconds of breathing in the air. There is no doubt that this waste basin will affect our quality of life. I think it’s important to point out that the company that owns and operates these waste basins, describes themselves as “a specialty waste and environmental services company.” In addition, their SIC code (or Standard Industrial Classification code) is listed as #4953 which is a classification for “refuse systems.” When they applied for a MO state operating permit from the DNR however, they listed their SIC code as #0711, which is a classification for “soil preparation services.” I believe the reason for this is that these waste companies are trying to work the system and dress up their sludge as “fertilizer” so that they can hide the fact that they are dumping waste in poor rural communities. Even the MO Fertilizer Control Board has deemed that this sludge does not pass as fertilizer, so we should consider that their waste is in fact solid waste and thus adhere to solid waste management laws. We must stop these companies from utilizing loopholes that allow them to dump their waste with little to no regulation and accountability. The overwhelming majority of farmers in our community are opposed to using this free “fertilizer” on their fields, likely because they understand agronomy and how detrimental this sludge can be to the health of their soil and crops. But the waste companies would have the public believe otherwise, as apparent from this statement by waste company Denali Water Solutions spokesman Samuel Liebl who said that “More than 100 Missouri farmers rely on our organic fertilizers.” According to the Missouri Department of Agriculture, there are nearly 100,000 farms in Missouri, with approximately 90% of them being family owned. 100 farmers out of 100,000 farms in Missouri use this waste sludge as “fertilizer.” Doing the math, that means that only 0.10 % of farmers in Missouri use this sludge on their land. 0.10%. This is not a product that is needed or has any value in our state. Very few farmers use it, and it is not fair to our rural communities that must sustain the immediate and long-term health effects from both its storage and application. Those who benefit the most from this waste disposal practice are the waste disposal companies and the businesses from which they collect the waste; it is a cheap disposal method as opposed to other responsible disposal practices that exist. Once this sludge is hauled in and dumped into these waste basins (and then onto farm fields), our water will be at risk for contamination. Research shows that

sludge contains highly toxic chemicals, pharmaceuticals, PFAS, and pathogens. Once these materials enter our soil and eventually our waterways, the damage cannot be undone. In Southwest Missouri, these waste basins have a history of overflows as well as over-applied sludge fields with significant run-off. They have committed violation after violation of the Clean Water Act, facing minimal fines from the DNR that are meaningless to a multi-million dollar waste disposal company. Why do we keep allowing them to operate in our state when they clearly continue to violate the Clean Water Act over and over again? Currently, the DNR only requires once a year testing of the sludge materials! Truckload after truckload of this sludge is being hauled in from hundreds of different facilities, many out-of-state, mixing their waste together to create a chemical cocktail so unknown, even the haulers are unable to carry MSDS paperwork with them, as they can't really determine what chemicals comprise the sludge at any given moment. We must have stricter regulations in place to prevent these businesses from polluting our water with this sludge laden with chemicals, pathogens, pharmaceuticals, and PFAS. Our water is worth protecting. Our state is worth protecting. Please impose stricter regulations on these waste companies, and do not let our state become the dumping ground of the country. Thank you for your time.



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My name is Korrie Bateman and I live here in Newton County, approximately 2 miles south of the Evans basin. To say our lives have been impacted by this basin is an understatement. We have a nice home, nice community, and it has all been ruined by this lagoon. Not only is the smell a huge problem, not knowing what is in the sludge is very troublesome. We feel as if we are being poisoned by our neighbors and no one is doing anything about it. The smell that comes from the basin and from when they land apply is horrific, nothing like you have ever smelled before. We can't go outside, open our windows in our home, have get togethers, or just enjoy our property. How many people mow their yard or plan outdoor stuff depending on the wind direction? We do, that's what our life has come down to. It's not just a smell, with all the oil and chemicals in the sludge it just sticks to your clothes, furniture, whatever it touches. We have a 10 year old son and he is forced to stay inside most days because of the smell. Then when you have stench you have flies, millions and millions of flies. We spend \$200-400 a month on fly spray, traps, plus have an exterminator come once a month to spray. This doesn't even get rid of them, some days doesn't even control them. We have thought of just moving, but we are going to take a loss on our home, who wants to buy this and live here with this lagoon in our backyard?? And why should we have to disrupt our entire life and move away from a home we love because of this?? We were never asked about this coming in here, we never had a choice!! We have called the DNR so many times it's not even funny, some weeks we called them multiple times a day, only to feel like we were just hitting a dead end every time. We have filed reports with the sheriff's office, called and complained to anyone and everyone we could think that would help. I truly don't think people realize how big of problem and how harmful this stuff is unless they have to live it like us. We have been forced out of our home one weekend in Sept because of a neighbor land applying it and the wind direction was coming straight to us. We couldn't even go inside and get away from it, the smell came in our ac unit, and any air space in our house. Our entire home stunk, furniture, bedding, our clothes!! We had to go stay with family for 2 days. When I smell it very long at a time it makes my nose burn and my throat hurt, I will usually lose my voice the next day and have a terrible headache. I also own my own dog grooming business here at my home and I have lost business from the odor, people don't want their dogs leaving here smelling of that horrible smell!!! Losing a few clients is a huge loss to a small business. So not only does it affect our home life it affects my business. Denali has got so many violations for over applying, spills, run offs, the basin foaming over and the DNR just slaps them on the wrist and they keep trucking. The problem I have with this the most is that sludge is NOT fertilizer, it is waste. Why does our state allow these big companies to bring their waste here and dump it in our land?? If this stuff was good and had some kind of value to it, they would t be giving it away to farmers for free, it's free because it is waste and they want to save money by not disposing of it correctly. There is little to no testing to see what is even in the stuff!! It's mind blowing that we have become a dumpsite for this poison!! We are better than this, we are an agricultural state, not a landfill

for waste!!! Please listen to the people that live this day in and day out, hear what we have to say and put yourself in our shoes. Would you want this in your backyard when there is better and safer ways to dispose of it??



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I live approximately 2 miles south of the Evans basin and since this basin has went in and this waste has been being land applied, the lives of us and our neighbors have been impacted greatly. Not only is the smell horrendous, but the constant worry about the harmful stuff in the sludge is what bothers us the most. This stuff is waste, it is not fertilizer, they should have to dispose of it properly instead of dumping it in our backyards. We can't enjoy our property, have family get together, do anything outside when they are land applying close by and a lot of times we get odor straight from the lagoon. We have called DNR multiple times, some weeks we call multiple times a day, but little to nothing is being done. We have even filed complaints with the sheriff's office. This lagoon has ruined our nice little community and all the peoples in it lives as they knew before. They over apply and have multiple violations under the DNR, but it seems they get a little fine and keep trucking. Missouri is an agricultural state, but we are not a dumpsite to these big industrial companies, make them dispose of this poison properly and stop letting them pollute our land and waterways.



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I support this bill to stop the spread of toxic waste on our land which is polluting it and the waters around it



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