

**RESOLUTION PROTESTING FACTORY FARMS
Or Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)**

WHEREAS, the Portage Township Board of Trustees have a responsibility to protect the general health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, a large CAFO would place a tremendous demand on the water supply and pose numerous environmental hazards to the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, local taxes from CAFOs do not cover the damage they do to township roads due to increased truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our township have expressed serious concerns about the negative impact a CAFO would have on the quality of life in and near Southern Wood County including odor, pollution, excess consumption of water, and the negative impact on property values,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a CAFO is not in the best interests of our residents. It is also resolved that the potential for water pollution, air pollution, traffic congestion, road damage, increased expenses, and loss of tax base is not acceptable.

Section 1: The Township Trustees are opposed to the granting of any permit for the placement of any CAFO in our area until the State of Ohio and our County officials can guarantee the safety of our citizens. We respectfully request that our officials and the Department of Agriculture consider the negative impact these CAFOs and also resolve to oppose them.

Section 2: The Township Trustees authorize the Clerk to transmit this Resolution to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Wood County Commissioners, and other appropriate government officials.

ADOPTED this 31st day of July, 2004.

Ed Foss
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Portage Township Trustee