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San Bernardino County
Board of Supervisors
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 5th Floor
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Dear Supervisor <LAST>,

As you know, the residents of the high desert, including our organization members, as well as those absentees who own property here, have for many years been seriously concerned about the landspreading of biosolids; seeking ways to minimize or substantially reduce the inherent dangers of such spreading because of prominent concerns about not only the effects of living in close proximity to piles of sludge, but environmental consequences over the long term of such intrusions to our soil despite questionable assurances from stakeholders that there is little to fear from existing disposal methods.

We have recently come in receipt of a draft ordinance proposal dated October 28, 2017 and titled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND ENACTING ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 8 OF DIVISION 3 OF TITLE 3 OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS".

In the collective opinion of our organization, this proposed ordinance is a big step in the right direction, and should be considered and passed without significant modification and as expeditiously as possible by your board. Passing such an ordinance will substantially improve opinions of your constituents in the unincorporated areas of the county that the board is truly concerned about the health and welfare of rural residents in our County.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Vasseur, President