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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the comments, questions, and concerns voiced by neighbouring residents in regards to the proposed expansion to the farm in Tache. Steinbach Hatchery is a locally owned and operated company that has been in business since 1935. Our shareholders consist of company management and grain farmers growing commodity crops in the RM's of Hanover and Tache.

As a hatching egg supply farm to a hatchery in Canada, this farm is certified through the Layer - Canadian Hatching Egg Quality (LCHEQ) program. This program is HACCP (Hazard Assessment Critical Control Points) based and is consistent with the on farm food safety approach developed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). This means the levels of Ammonia and CO2 are closely monitored to ensure that they never reach levels unsafe for humans or animals inside the barn and are even less concentrated outside the barn. This farm also adheres to the Animal Welfare Program created by the Canadian Hatching Federation that is based on the National Farm Animal Care Council's Animal Care Code (NFACC). Both of these programs require a third party audit to ensure that the farm is compliant with all the requirements of the programs. There is a fly control program and rodent control program that we follow to try and reduce the number of both pests for both the well being of the animals and workers in the barn and local residents. The expansion plan includes new animal housing equipment designed with animal welfare in mind. This systems allows the birds over 120 square inches of space per bird, gives them the opportunity to exhibit natural behaviors such as laying eggs in a private enclosed space and an elevated "scratch" area where the can jump to, forage and stretch out their wings.

The farm waste (manure) created at the farm would continue to be stored in the current manure storage facility. It will undergo a small expansion to better equip it to handle the extra volume and continue to be emptied only once per year. For local residents should see little to no change in the odor created by the farm related to manure removal. The manure created at the farm is spread on local fields farmed by our shareholders to fertilize the crops grown there. The manure reduces the need for synthetic fertilizer on those fields and improves the soil health by increasing the organic matter in the

soil. Some wastewater is contaminated with manure when the barn is washed, however, that wastewater is contained in a pit at the barn and is pumped out by a septic truck and hauled off site ensuring no contamination of the local environment.

Steinbach Hatchery would like to express our gratitude to the Technical Review Committee for their time in reviewing our application and any feedback that comes from the review process.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joel Friesen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joel Friesen, CEO
Steinbach Hatchery