

To: House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water
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Re: "No" on HB 2666

Chair Clem and Members of the Committee:

I am urging a "No" vote on HB 2666. I live in south Marion County and have fought three aggregate mining permits and an aggregate overlay zone in my area. All three aggregate mining permits were given to the applicant.

This bill is not needed as the aggregate industry gets the permit they request in 99% of the cases. See attached list of permits and denials.

This bill restricts the rights of citizens to participate in the permitting process.

I have been told that this bill was written at the request of the aggregate industry as a favor because they felt they were owed something after the passage of HB 2202 in 2013. HB 2202 did very little of import. It simply stated that an aggregate mining company should dig all the way down at the site until the aggregate was gone. This should have been done anyway if the aggregate companies were concerned about stewardship of the land.

Also, HB 2202 was never implemented. The rules were never written. It has not been enforced.

Thus, people who care about farmland got the equivalent of a box of cereal with HB 2202 and the aggregate industry got the whole store.

Please vote "no" on giving the aggregate industry carte blanche. The permitting process is already a David and Goliath situation. They don't need any more help to get their way with our farm land.

Thank you for your consideration.

Disgusting that ANY wants to kill + work in L.R.