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I am writing to express my strong belief that farmland should maintain strictly agricultural usage, and any industrial use would harm it. As a concerned citizen who values sustainable development and environmental conservation, I have seen firsthand the devastating effects of industrialization on our precious agricultural land.

Moreover, agricultural land is rich in biodiversity, supporting a range of flora and fauna, and providing crucial habitats for wildlife. Farmland is also a natural carbon sink, absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and mitigating climate change. Industrialization, on the other hand, pollutes the air and water, causing irreparable damage to the ecosystem, and exacerbating the impacts of climate change.

Furthermore, farmland is a finite resource, and once it is lost, it cannot be recovered. The growth of cities and towns has already led to the loss of a significant amount of agricultural land, and we must ensure that we protect what remains. Industrial use of farmland also poses a threat to the health and wellbeing of nearby communities, with the potential for hazardous waste, air, and water pollution.

Please consider the health of our communities and make the right decision.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.