



December 4, 2016

Mr. Michael Crinion  
Global Dairy LP  
46844 SD Hwy 28  
Estelline, SD 57234

Dear Mr. Crinion,

The purpose of this letter is to express support of the Brookings Economic Development Corporation for your efforts to grow the regional dairy industry. As you are well aware, the economic benefits of value-added processes which produce grains and forage for feed, and the eventual conversion of that feed to higher value products such as milk or cheese, produce a tremendous economic benefit for our region.

Industries, such as the dairy industry, result in high levels of capital investment, create quality employment opportunities for our graduates and residents, and support a myriad of related production and service businesses, many of which also require highly skilled employees. Brookings and Brookings County have most certainly been benefactors of the positive impact of this industry for many years.

Brookings County officials clearly recognize the importance of this industry to the county's agricultural producers and economy. This is evidenced by the county's efforts to carefully study and evaluate those locations within the county that are deemed appropriate for the development and expansion of feeding operations. We understand that your dairy proposal had been evaluated within the context of this prior research, approved for development, and then delayed due to some historical technicalities.

We support your efforts, and Brookings County's efforts, to continue to grow this important industry in our region and encourage the Brookings County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners to carefully examine your request and take action that will allow for sustainable economic growth of Brookings County's agricultural economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Heuton", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Al Heuton, Executive Director