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RE: Piney Grove Utilities

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To Whom It May Concern:

As citizens who own land adjoining Dry Branch that is situated down stream from the Loydwoods Subdivision near Cayce we wish to express our concern for the apparent flagrant disregard for South Carolina's citizens as demonstrated by Piney Grove Utilities. It is apparent that the owner has no respect for the welfare of his customers, adjacent landowners, and the wildlife or waters that belong to the State of South Carolina.

As landowners, we've had to endure the foul odor of waste water on our properties in recent weeks as can be attested to by both friends and professionals.

We realize that DHEC is trying to protect the public, but due to limited authority and burden of proof requirements they certainly must experience much frustration in trying to deal with these rogue operators who either outright disregard the law or use technicalities to skirt the law.

Piney Grove Utilities owner not only discharged raw sewage into Dry Branch, but also charged fees to the residents of Loydwoods Subdivision according to The State newspaper reports. This operator has crossed the line and we would trust that all the victims of this unscrupulous person or entity can rely on DHEC and the Public Service Commission to represent the interest of its citizens.

We have been informed that the Central Midlands Regional Planning Council is charged with implementation of a 208 Plan, an area plan to merge the wastewater from small, marginal facilities such as Piney Grove Utilities into the larger regional waste water treatment plants. But only you can make this happen and this is the opportunity.

Piney Grove Utilities has demonstrated a history of gross failure. Service fees have been collected , while no service was provided and, instead, Dry Branch, Congaree Creek and the Congaree River were knowingly used as a free sewer by this owner. Does this constitute a crime under our state law? If the answer is no, then we need to know so we can discuss this with our legislators.

We trust that you, in your capacity as representatives of the citizens, will exercise your responsibilities and force Piney Grove Utilities to tie into the City of Cayce's regional sewer line that runs by the entrance to Loydwoods Subdivision.

Respectively submitted,

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