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Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
4080 Lemon Street  
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## Subject: Support for Granite Construction Company's Liberty Quarry

Dear Chairman Wilson and Board Members:

The Riverside County Farm Bureau is an organization that seeks to represent the interests of members County-wide and it is our belief that the Liberty Quarry project is highly beneficial for our region.

It is clear that Southern California is in serious need of transportation infrastructure improvements and that the cost for these improvements is continually rising. Continuing to transport aggregate long distances across our region is neither environmentally nor financially beneficial, and more local sources should be developed to serve local demands.

Our goods movement corridors are being congested, leading to higher costs of transporting goods to our growers and unfortunately, that cost is being passed down to the consumer. In a time of economic uncertainty for many Riverside County residents, alternatives to this situation are desperately needed. A local source of aggregate will help meet this growing regional need and facilitate efficient movement across our region.

Some of our membership operate farms near existing Granite facilities and have never had problems with dust or other air emissions from their plant and do not believe their operations had any impact on the quality of their agriculture. Attached is a letter from Peter Rabbit Farms.

After a technical briefing with Liberty Quarry representatives, it is our opinion that this project will provide a solution to a County-wide aggregate shortage and allow easier delivery of other necessary goods to their markets. Similar to agriculture, mining of aggregate is a beneficial land use for the entire County and it is our hope that this project will move forward and be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

Grant Chaffin  
President  
Riverside County Farm Bureau

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Cc: Gary W. Johnson, Granite Construction Co.  
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