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I am writing in support of HB 2790. I tried to help landowners in Linn County in their opposition to the outdoor music festival that was to be held near Halsey last summer. In the process, I came to see that farmers can be exposed to great risk from such events, but current state law can allow their concerns to be disregarded, so I am in favor of an explicit provision in the bill requiring consideration of impacts on surrounding farmers.

In addition I believe that it is important that outdoor mass gatherings be required to go through the normal land use permitting process in order to ensure that adequate consideration is given to public health and safety. Based on newspaper reports of issues surrounding the BiMart Country Music Festival of 2018, it is evident to me that more stringent rules are necessary.

Finally, I urge you to include include in the bill provisions that give counties all the ability they need to collect adequate permitting fees. Although it does appear that Linn County was able to recover costs related to the country music festival held in Brownsville for a number of years, I understand that this is not always the case, hence my concern.