

To the Chairman and Members of the Local Government Committee,

My husband and I would pray you seriously consider this bill to limit Island Annexation. One town in Cherokee County should not be able to annex land so far from its borders to make a landfill.

There has been no proof of need for another landfill in our county. Making a landfill on the proposed property will cause a loss of farmland. This land is very close to both a stream and the Spring River which could have ecological ramifications. Property values will decrease in this area as well as a concern for the health of the many adults and children that live in the area. This property is a scant two miles from Riverton Schools. A new section of Hwy., 400 is in the planning stage and will go fairly close to this sight. The county cannot afford to take care of the roads because of the increased use by trucks hauling trash. The contract for the landfill leaves wide open what kind of trash can be trucked into the landfill - about anything but radioactive material. That leaves the possibility of a lot of seriously dangerous trash that could be brought to the landfill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chairman and Members of the Local Government Committee,

My husband and I pray you seriously consider the merits of HB2003 to limit Island Annexation. We believe no town should be able to annex land away from their border for supposedly the good of the county yet the county has no say nor will they reap any of the benefits

We believe the landfill allowed by Island Annexation will:

- * ruin good farmland
- * decrease home and land values
- * possible health issues
- * never proven to be needed
- * school within two miles
- * new section of Hwy. 400 planned for area
- * huge increase in expense for county and state because of truck traffic

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