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We are the Planning Board of the Town of Canterbury, a town contiguous to the Town of Loudon, New Hampshire. We encourage the movement toward local food, saw the article about your plans in the Concord Monitor, and congratulate your involvement in the purchase of Lef Farms of Loudon.

We want to apprise you that the night sky effect of the Loudon facility in the Town of Canterbury – certainly in its eastern half and on some nights further afield – is substantial and persistent. We believe the effects are similar in other surrounding towns.

For your information, in the past there has been some friction regarding light pollution emitted from the Loudon facility. We understand that the former owner made commitments about how to mitigate the pollution, but they appear to have not been kept. We were, however, pleased to see you in the Concord Monitor in September acknowledging that “light shining out of the warehouse has been an issue with neighbors in the past, and that containing the problem would have to be part of the company’s design.”

We consider the light pollution from Lef Farms to be a “development of regional impact” (see RSA 36:54 through :57), particularly if there are any proceedings

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before municipal boards, and we would like to have input.

We would like to request that you come to a meeting of the Canterbury Planning Board to discuss this matter, and how to mitigate the light pollution that is so readily apparent. We look forward to hearing your plans about how to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,

Kent Ruesswick, Chair, Canterbury Planning Board

cc: Town of Loudon

Towns of Gilmanton, Pittsfield, Chichester, Pembroke
City of Concord