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To: [Mabry, Brian K.](#)
Subject: Zoning Regulations for Methane "digester"
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Dear Mr. Mabry,

I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed regulations for the methane "biodigesters" in Louisville. I do not believe that methane biodigesters should be placed within the boundaries of Louisville Metro. **There should be a complete ban on methane biodigesters in our urban areas.** Our regulations should be consistent with regs in other communities and in other countries, i.e., none are cited within urban areas, rather they are put in rural areas next to the sources that will be digested, i.e., manure and other "by-products" of farming operations. These regulations seem to ignore the fact that many of the properties that now exist in West Louisville are at risk of being destroyed due to generations of underinvestment, and therefore, be open interpreted as being appropriate for biodigester citing. I also do not trust language such as "bona fide" agriculture. This vague language raises questions about whether land owned by Louisville Grows for urban farming or the West Louisville FoodPort would be eligible for citing, or whether someone can plant a few rows of crops and then suddenly become a "bona fide" agricultural operation.

I believe that these regulations are yet another example of institutional racism and classism that is unfortunately prevalent in Metro Louisville. These regulations target areas where the majority of residents are either people of color, or of limited resources, and therefore, unfortunately, of little perceived power. Metro needs to finally do right by these communities, and refuse to allow Nature's Methane and other such companies from dividing our already fractured community and forcing them to spend their limited resources on fighting these predators.

Thank you for your time.

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