

**DATE**

DeSoto Board of County Commissioners  
201 E. Oak Street  
Suite 201  
Arcadia, FL 34266

RE: The Mosaic Company's proposed rezone in 2023.

Dear Chairman Deriso, Vice-Chairman Langford, Commissioner Gross, Commissioner Schaefer or Commissioner Coone:

We've seen too many people getting sick in the areas that Mosaic is allowed to mine and don't want our families to be exposed to harmful chemicals. We were very proud of the Board of County Commissioners when they denied Mosaic's request to rezone in Desoto County, showing that home rule still means something, and our voices were heard. We have a long history of no mining in the area, and I feel that we don't need to change that.

When Mosaic did not want to listen to the County Commissioners the first time you voted against them, during the mediation they showed us their main concern is profits and not people. They have shown us they are not good neighbors. Our long-standing agricultural heritage would be endangered if the land or water becomes contaminated.

Mosaic will not accept the slightest responsibility for the problems they have created, proving over and over that their word cannot be trusted. Not only will the proposed mines affect the health and lives of the current residents, but also future generations. We shouldn't allow Mosaic to create a toxic environment that will endanger everything in our vicinity, including our children's health.

We respectfully request that you please vote against Mosaic's proposed rezone in 2023.

We do not want to see the same destruction in our backyards as Hillsborough, Manatee, Hardee, and Polk counties have endured, we cannot change the pollution and poisoning once the door is open to them. Please do not let that door open.

Vote against the rezone - I Deserve Clean Water!

Sincerely,

(Sign Name)

(City, Zip)

(Your email address)