

**A joint statement of the Decatur County-Bainbridge Industrial Development Authority, the  
City of Bainbridge, and the Decatur County Board of Education**

Yesterday, the Decatur County Board of Commissioners followed the lead of the Development Authority and voted to disavow the Safer Human Medicine project and to reject all tax abatements. We applaud the county for taking these steps. Economic Development takes teamwork, and our team has worked hard and had many recent successes. After hearing from you, we realize that the economic benefits of this project are not worth the divisiveness the project has caused within our community. Make no mistake, we have all heard your questions and concerns and we stand unified in seeking to have this company locate elsewhere. We have communicated this desire to the company and its executives. We stand with our partners in opposition to this project and pray for a favorable outcome for our community.

We do not believe that further action by our boards is needed. We have expressed our position unequivocally and because this project has moved into a litigation phase, we will refrain from further comment.



Edward Reynolds  
Mayor



Keith Lyle  
Chairman