Letter to the Editor on the Mounds

You are going to write a letter to the editor of a local paper (no, I’m not going to mail them!) stating YOUR opinion on what should happen at the Wingra Redi-mix site in McFarland. How do YOU think the State of Wisconsin should resolve this? This should be ½ to ¾ of a page long. Proof read – think about other people reading this. You need to sound professional and support your argument.

Points to remember:

* Wingra Stone owns a quarry south of the Beltline on Stoughton Road
* A Native American mound was discovered on private (Wingra Stone’s) land
* Wingra Stone wants to dig it up as it is on their property and it is preventing them from accessing more of their quarry. They have accessed 57-acres of the quarry and have little left to excavate.
* This would mean $10-15M in limestone that is under the mounds
* The mound is the last of a cluster of Ho-Chunk mounds in the area and is in the shape of a bird
* The Wisconsin State Historical Society can issue historical protection status on the mounds.
* Assembly Bill 620 states that the Historical Society can protect the site, but has to prove that there are remains in it.
* In order to prove that there are remains in it, they have to dig it up which will disturb the mound.
* Depending on how old the mound is, the remains may have decomposed.
* It is a sacred site to the Ho-Chunk.

Preferred typed, but NEATLY handwritten IN PEN is acceptable.

See Sample on back for ideas

