



STATEMENT FROM

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My interest in serving on the board of directors is to observe, learn, share and provide guidance where my experience may be needed. I am a firm believer in an ethical commitment to our mission, placing community first, service before self, and acting on the common goals of the organization.

Growing up in the midwest and spending my summers on the family farm, I developed a sense of the farm-city connection, where farm cooperatives and food cooperatives were the norm and where teamwork and mutual respect made the operations perform smoothly. I also developed an understanding of how the loading, transloading and shipping of products to market using rail and truck were implemented.

Currently, I am semi-retired, having worked in public safety as a forensic scientist and also in industry as a biomedical engineer. Now, with more free time available, other community-based projects such as Freshman Impact have been keeping me occupied. Over the years, a fair portion of my free time has been spent staying abreast of nutrition and advocating for food safety and healthy lifestyle habits. As always, I am willing to share the knowledge and help our community learn and grow.

Outside of the professional realm, I spend time outdoors with my family, hunting, fishing, stargazing and indoors with my amateur radio hobby.