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International Environmental Project in Bavaria

Honorable Minister-President,

I am an Original Christian and follow Jesus of Nazareth, who brought us an understanding of honesty and sincerity, and not lastly, the commandment of love for God and neighbor.

I am the founder, originator and shareholder of the International Gabriele Foundations. About 18 years ago, with other Original Christians and supporters worldwide, who gave and give donations for nature and animals, I began to establish a land where animals can live in peace and in freedom, where nature and the plants can freely develop again, and where human being, nature and animals can live with one another in harmony.

Where formerly a totally cleared-out industrial agricultural landscape with poisoned and dead soils had spread, the largest and most significant private biotope network in Europe has meanwhile developed with the help and donations of thousands of supporters from both inland and abroad. Countless birds nest and brood in a unique diversity; the insects, which are threatened more and more, find a habitat rich in species; many protected bat species and butterflies as well as numerous other animal species in woods and fields have again settled in and found a home.

Among experts and people who have a heart for nature and animals and who visit this land by the thousands, this peaceful

land has in the meantime found recognition far beyond Germany, as a pioneering environmental project.

Professor Berthold, former Director of the Ornithological Institute of the Max Planck Institute for Ornithology at Lake Constance, who is surely known to you, writes in his book, “Our Birds” from 2017: *“Coming from the surrounding monotonous cultivated steppe into this Eldorado for free-living animals and plants, it’s like entering an ‘island of the blissful’.”*

Where in other places ever more species are dying out, Professor Berthold concludes about our Land of Peace: *“What can we hope for if we succeed in stimulating a biotope network on a renaturation basis for all of Germany?”*

(I include a copy of the book by Professor Berthold for you in my correspondence.)

What Professor Berthold and many other scientists have observed and documented on our peaceful land is extraordinary, as a renaturation measure of a totally destroyed former nature landscape; it is most certainly unique. Thus, already in 2015, the following was documented there, among other things:

494 plant species, including 84 species that are on the Red List in Bavaria.

101 bird species, including 77 breeding species; 44 species are on the Red List of Bavaria or Germany.

Particularly worth mentioning are the 3 to 4 red kite species that nest every year on our land and in the immediate vicinity.

14 bat species,

4 amphibian species,

50 butterfly species, of which 22 are on the Red Lists for Bavaria and Germany. 31 species are classified as endangered or specially protected.

22 dragonfly species,

17 grasshopper species.

On parts of the land, agriculture and fruit cultivation are carried out without toxic substances in a traditional three-field rotation system, which not only provides food and shelter for insects and birds, but also generates earnings to cover a part of the costs for maintaining the land. However, thousands of donors and supporters worldwide have contributed in a significant way to this for years. They trust that the location in Germany is well chosen, because Germany presents itself as an environmentally friendly country, in which such projects are also protected under the constitution and law.

When 4 years ago a huge wind turbine of about 200 m height was suddenly erected directly on the border to this land in just a few days, the outrage was all the greater worldwide.

The wind turbine was deliberately placed, so that it lies directly in the flight path approach to our land for birds and bats and also dominates the entire view of our land in a menacing manner. The turbine stands so indiscriminately close to our border that all the effects, such as cast-off ice or eventual faulty parts, can fall directly on our land and hit the people working there in the fruit orchards.

The surprise action was prepared by the Würzburg District Administration together with the operator of the wind turbine and concealed from us as residents and affected parties, so that, as a result, our constitutional rights were withheld from us and we feel betrayed and deceived.

Over 20,000 promoters worldwide subsequently supported us with their signatures in the fight against this attack on our environmental project. More than 1000 radio and television stations worldwide reported on the injustice against nature and animals committed by the Würzburg District Administration in Germany. The Administrative Court of Würzburg finally attested in court to the District Administration of Würzburg that it had acted illegally, that is, that it had violated the law, and the Bavarian Administrative Court confirmed this decision, which thus became final.

Despite this, the Würzburg District Administration still refuses to have this turbine, illegally placed directly on our border, removed, which would thus rectify the legal position in issue. The plant is still standing and unfolds its illegal effects on our land, with the small restriction that it run very slowly, allegedly due to the danger of tipping over.

It has now become known that the District Administration plans to put the plant back into full operation without taking the slightest notice of the objections of those affected, let alone the more than twenty thousand protest declarations of the supporters of our foundation, who have contributed to the development of the Peaceful Land, and also without any consideration for the red kite pair that has just moved into their nest in the wind turbine's area of impact.

As a pretext for its renewed action against nature and animals, the District Administration intends to re-approve the same application, which had already been legally rejected. A new application is expressly not available. Exactly as with the last permit granted by a breach of law, there are plans to order an immediate execution, and thus, to operate the wind turbine, although no legally binding permit has been obtained.

Honesty and openness is necessary toward the thousands of sponsors and donors worldwide, to inform them about the means with which the Würzburg District Administration campaigns against nature and animals, what damage is to be inflicted on the land developed jointly by thousands worldwide, and who is responsible for this.

Because I am a person of love for God and neighbor, I turn to you, Mr. Söder, before this happens, so that you have the chance to take note of these events at the District Administration.

May I ask you a question regarding this:

Are these the Christian values that you so champion?

I ask that you answer as soon as possible, as we may next have to inform our International Board of Trustees accordingly, and we do not wish to cause unnecessary concern to people around the world.

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encl.: "Our Birds" by Prof. Peter Berthold