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To: CAP Strategic Plan

Subject: CapReview

Dear Minister and executive officers of our lovely Dept. of Agriculture, I attended the meeting in Portlaoise.

It was well run and very informative.

It seems to me that the biggest obstacle is the draconian proposal to flatten entitlement values.

There was massive resistance to the concept.

It will destroy viability for many progressive farmers like myself.

May I suggest that the first 80 entitlements be ring fenced and that flattening should only apply above this figure, this should ensure viability into the future.

I have no problem with capping the overall amount at 60k.

The option to stack entitlements should be available.

Yours faithfully,

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