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LUC, I own land that is proposed for IAL Designation; TMK 6-6-028-003. I bought the land to farm and am currently farming my property. The tax department already came out, inspected it, and declared it as okay for Ag Dedication. I already can do some of the things IAL incentives talk about, I already have other things IAL talks about, and I do not need any of the other incentives that it talks about. IAL is useless for me, and only looks like more restrictions imposed upon me. Therefore, I am not interested in the IAL program and want my property excluded from it. Please delist my land from the Important Agricultural Land program as I do not need it or want to be part of it.

Thank You,
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p.s. When and if shipping were to end, and our food supply is cut off, it is small farms like mine that can and will respond to the crisis. Not just the large land owners and large farms, but small farmers who will step up and do what need to be done. It is therefore my belief that the IAL program and Department Of Agriculture is misguided in its mission. The monies spent for IAL should be spent on supporting small farms with efforts to help them grow things, and then distribute their products. Let farmers just farm and be unconcerned with other things. That's what we need and that will get more people involved in farming, not trying to restrict things further. It may look like the incentives are great but they are not what I need. The worst thing is no one called me or other farmers to learn what we need, or ask us questions. We know what is needed and no one is doing those things, nor even asking us what we think needs to be done, and that's just plain wrong. Wasting effort and money going the wrong direction by not doing thorough research.