

**DOCUMENT 38 – LETTER CONCERNING STATE ACQUISITIONS OF GREENE
COUNTY ORCHARDS**

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TRANSCRIPTION

Hillview Ill.

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Gov. Henry Horner;-

Springfield, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you
in regard to an orchard Project
which is brewing in our locality
here in Greene Co. Patterson Town
ship.

As I understand this, this
Project is to be financed (these
orchards bought or leased) by Gov
ernment money, then relief or
unemployed to work them.

We apple growers in this locality
who are trying to stay on top
during these times, feel it very

unjust to use tax money and
start the Gov't. in a competitive
business right here by our side
in reclaiming some old orchards
that should be cut down, some
out of Bankruptcy, etc.

This movement is not fair to we Farmers and we do know this same money would be wisely spent on our country roads.

You will find upon investi-
gation that this Project has
materalized by a few local men
seeking soft Gov't. jobs. If needs
be I can send you a petition of
this whole community against this
orchard project.

Trusting you'll do your untmost
to thwart such a movement or at
once forward to this appeal to the
proper authority and Thanking you
we are

Very Respectfully

Mr C. P. Crabtree