

Greetings Mr./Madam Chair, members of the Committee, I'm Kathrin Volochenko of the **Nonpartisan League**.

I request that this committee bring this bill to the floor with a "**Do Not Pass**" recommendation for **Senate Bill 2174**.

A few of the reasons are as follows:

- Page 2. Lines 20-21: 4. *"~~A~~Except as provided in this section, a board of county commissioners may not preclude the development of an animal feeding operation in the county."*

This is a blatant attempt to take local control away from counties and townships in the name of profiteering at the expense of the citizens of North Dakota.

- Page 3 Lines 11-16 *"c. A board of county commissioners may not adopt or enforce setbacks applicable to animal feeding operations that exceed the setback distances provided in subsection 7 of section 23.1-06-15, except setback distances may be reduced or extended based on the results of the odor footprint tool developed by the agriculture commissioner. A county may not use an odor annoyance-free percentage exceeding ninety-four percent."*

Setback distances should be at least a 5 statute mile radius from any occupied farmstead, home, or city boundary, given the proven facts that air that has been polluted by densely packed livestock feeding operations has led to asthma, headaches, sinus issues, and heart disease, not to mention just the horrible stench that permeates everything in the lives of the people that have the misfortune of living near such a facility.

I'm not implying that large confinement animal feeding operations are a bad thing. However care must be taken to insure that everyone in the area of a facility has the right to breathe clean unpolluted air.

Please take heed and listen to the concerned citizens of North Dakota and recommend a "**Do Not Pass**" for Senate Bill **2174**.

Thank you for your time and attention.