

Chairman and members of the committee for House Agriculture. We would appreciate you taking the time to read our testimony in opposition of SB 2174.

We live 1 mile north of a proposed 12,500 head dairy operation. We feel the setback changes in this bill are dangerous as it could and will cause detrimental effects to people's health. The contamination of our soil, the air we breathe, and the precious water we all require to live. Once that contamination happens, there is no going back and undoing it! Is reducing setbacks worth the enormous risk?

Shrinking the setback distance is really a device to allow more AFO's to congregate in some areas where they **should not be allowed**. The odor footprint tool has not been proven to provide enough protection for those people residing near an AFO. We are finding MANY residents at current CAFO's who are suffering the consequences of these large operations and their deceptions. CAFO's are very new to North Dakota; please find out all the **true facts** before approving them in our beautiful state. There is something to be said about family farms...as bigger is not always better!

Setbacks should be returned to the bill with 50% **increase** in distance to be at the discretion of the **township**. Please **DO NOT PASS** this bill.

Please let us all continue to enjoy the outdoor life in North Dakota.

Thank you,

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