

Chairman Beltz and members of the House Agriculture Committee. Thank you for allowing us to submit a testimony for Bill 2174. We oppose the changes proposed in this bill. Our names are Beverly and Gerald Giwoyna and we currently live 1 mile south of the proposed Abercrombie mega dairy of 12,500 head. We are senior citizens and we plan on living our days at our farmstead. We have seen what happens from the Mindak Farmers Coop beet plant when they start using up so much water, our flowing well went dry that we fed our cattle with and also the odor got so bad that unless you had air conditioning in the house, you could hardly stand living there for many years. We want to ensure that our State is protecting us and residents and protecting our water. Rural residents should not get pushed off their owned land because of the water and odor problem that we'll be faced with from these CAFOs coming into our State. Property value will be negatively affected. Please don't allow this bill to pass and show the people you care about us and not the benefits of corporations.