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Members of the committee, thank you for taking time to read my testimony not supporting SB 2174. I am a farmer, rancher and RV Site owner on the banks of Devils Lake. I feel the setback changes are unnecessary and dangerous. The final decisions in setback distance should be left to the individual counties and townships. The nuances of each area in the state are better known by those local entities with input from their own citizens.

Shrinking the set back distance is also a device to allow more AFO's to congregate in some areas. Additionally, applying numbers of animals in the set back distance should depend on the species. Cattle and swine waste have quite different olfactory effects.

The idea that setbacks are determined in part by prevailing wind speeds is ludicrous. A high velocity wind event that goes on for one or multiple days without a long break in starting and stopping will impact the living conditions of those people close or outside of the current setback distance. Shrinking those distances by casting a wand from the state is not conducive to the wide-open fresh air that many people in the state enjoy without having to think about it.

The increase in AFOs seems to be the focus of the current ND Agriculture Department and other entities involved in creating more large feeding operations in our state. Please consider the other uses for land that will be affected negatively by decreasing setback distances and do not pass this bill with the distances listed in it.

Please consider not approving these proposed setback changes as North Dakotans hope to continue to live next to agriculture businesses and enjoy the beautiful time spent outdoors in North Dakota.

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