

Chairman and Members of the committee for Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs. My name is Erik Olson and I am a Resident of the Abercrombie Township in North Dakota. I am here today in opposition to the Senate Bill 2174.

The bill before you today showcases how this will provide benefits to animal feeding operations and not the people of North Dakota. As a resident of Abercrombie Township, I am directly being threatened with a new mega dairy planned for in my community. The specific section that states: *“except setback distances may be reduced or extended based on the results of the odor footprint tool developed by the agriculture commissioner. A township may not use an odor annoyance free percentage exceeding ninety-four percent.”*

My opposition is allowing this be at ninety-four percent and should be no less than ninety-eight percent with the township. This seems as a back door for these mega dairy's to reduce set back distances. Townships should have the allowance to regulate and assure the people that we are protected and not forced out by any mega animal feeding operations.

Thank you for allowing me to testify and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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