

Chairman Beltz and members of the House Agriculture Committee,

My name is Colleen Paczkowski and I have been a resident of Abercrombie, ND for 35 years. It goes without saying that my roots run deep in this community. Our small town is very close as many other small towns in North Dakota are, which is a big reason why many people chose to live in this State. The news of the dairy barn coming to our area has caused great concern. Air pollution and water quality / availability are issues that we are being threatened with. This bill seems to have been weakened and shows that it would give less benefits to rural communities, revealing the rights of the people are being diminished. Many people of the community have concerns for possible devaluation of their property along with their health, if such a mega dairy gets built.

I ask that you please consider the residents of the state and think carefully about the risks to small towns when bills like this are proposed that show more concern for livestock corporations than the people.

Please vote DO NOT PASS for bill 2174.