

To the Honorable Chairman and members of the Committee. We would appreciate you taking the time to read our testimony in opposition of SB 2327.

This Bill is vital to our state's family farms, creameries, and other small ag businesses that add value to our ag industry. We are in favor of helping these businesses.

However, **no** North Dakota taxpayers money should given to an out-of-state industrial ag business. Our state will not receive any tax revenue from them. Riverview Dairy **will not** add value to our state or our community. All products are shipped to Minnesota. They would pay **minimal** taxes to our county and township (not even enough to repair road damages incurred by them).

Not to mention the water, soil, and air pollution!

They will provide **minimal job opportunities**. Besides, our area still has a shortage of laborers to fill current jobs. These CAFO's do not need our tax dollars!

We find it very interesting that there are a number of bills introduced this session that would allow these industrial farms (CAFO's) to reap the benefits!

If North Dakota has excess money to give away to out-of-state CAFO's; maybe they should instead help the townships properly maintain their roads & bridges instead of closing them for lack of funds. Schools also need funds.

Why do we need to keep up with our neighboring states? Polluting North Dakota's natural resources and forcing residents and small businesses out is not the North Dakota we have lived and worked in for over 60 years. This is not the North Dakota we want to leave our children and grandchildren....do you?

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

Thank you,

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