

August 15, 2022

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Dear Chelsea Morris:

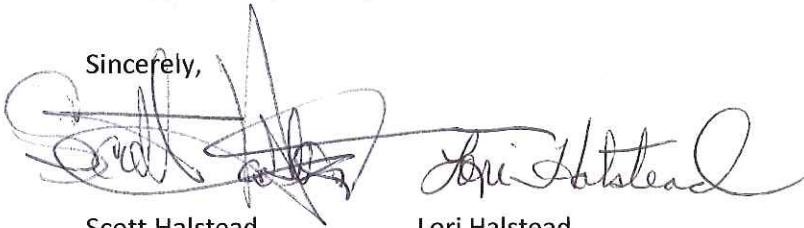
We are contacting you per information we received in our mail.

We oppose the CAFO rules as drafted and concur with the comments of Okanogan, Thurston and Yakima County Farm Bureaus. We need to work with those who raise livestock on a small scale providing locally sourced food.

Applying CAFO standards to small operations will be devastating to local food production and our overall food security. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) must recognize the work of the Voluntary Stewardship Program and local conservation districts. Instead of regulating, Ecology needs to encourage participation in these voluntary programs, proven to protect water quality.

We appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for Scott Halstead, and the signature on the right is for Lori Halstead. Both signatures are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Scott Halstead

Lori Halstead

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