

# Audra Distifeno

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Dear Chelsea,

As a long-time rural resident, farmer's daughter and connoisseur of fresh local farm products, I oppose the CAFO rules as drafted and concur with the comments of Okanogan, Thurston and Yakima County Farm Bureaus.

We need to work with, not punish, people who raise livestock on a small scale and who provide essential, locally-sourced food.

CAFO standards would be crippling for small operations and ultimately, local food supplies, which are directly related to our food security.

The Voluntary Stewardship Program and local conservation districts' work should be recognized by Ecology. Ecology must encourage participation in these voluntary programs, proven to protect water quality, instead of regulating. Doing so is in the best interest of all of us living in rural areas and those who depend on high-quality, locally-sourced food.

I vehemently oppose the drafted CAFO rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Audra Distifeno