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I oppose the CAFO rules as drafted and concur with the comments of the Benton, Grant, Okanogan, Thurston, and Yakima County Farm Bureaus. This is unnecessary and vaguely written to give unchecked power and control to the Department of Ecology.

Furthermore, I believe that land owners, especially land owners with livestock are better stewards of the land than any government agency could be. Land owners have to be. They NEED the land. They understand that you cannot have livestock, either for pleasure or food, without land. Farmers understand better than anyone,

the delicate balance required for healthy livestock and a healthy ecosystem.

No farms≈no food.

The Department of Ecology should be working to educate and assist. They need to encourage and recognize voluntary participation in conservation programs that are proven to protect the land and water quality.

And the Department of Ecology should focus its resources to clean up and regulate the messes made by the homeless population that seems to have total disregard for the environment. Human sewage, drug paraphernalia and trash are more threatening to our environment than anything a cow or horse might do.

Sincerely,

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