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Dear Chelsea,

I oppose the CAFO rules as drafted and concur with the comments of the Benton, Grant, Okanogan, Thurston, and Yakima County Farm Bureaus. Why would you create rules that are so contrary to the health and welfare of our fine state? This doesn't make any sense. This will only create more hardship for our local small farms and family operations.

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.

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.

Sincerely,
Amy Malik
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