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I OPPOSE ABSOLUTELY - concentrate your focus upon, Violating Feed Lots, Corporations & Large businesses. NOT on citizen small farmers, individuals who act to be sovereign at home on their land. WE the People are NOT "Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. 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 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,

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Furthermore:

This CAFO proposed permit itself is a ridiculous inappropriate unacceptable proposal/ rule. It should NOT be allowed - at all.

Recently an attendee of your committee meeting reported that upon asking if anyone on this committee personally had farm animals, had experience in raising them — they did NOT.

Who are you and by what reasonable authority are you to place Permits and Penalties upon citizens Who do so for their own sovereignty and pleasure and do so ecologically.

This is another invasion of personal rights and sovereignty upon citizenry who choose to provide their own food sources as food pricing escalates daily.

Your concerns ecologically are misdirected.

WHY do you allow the toxicity levels in City, Tap water by the chemicals in them, how about turning your attention and Focus to that in Washington State! - where these levels are some of the highest in the nation.

Consider rearranging your priorities elsewhere and not upon WE THE PEOPLE.