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Dear Department of Ecology,

I am a Washington resident and I am writing to share my concerns with you regarding the Draft Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) General Permits proposed in June 2022 (the "draft permit"), currently open to public comment.

I'm concerned that the draft permit does not require sufficient protections to prevent pollution from entering our waterways, and I encourage you to consider some suggestions. Please keep our society and state in a continual state of improvement. The final permit is an opportunity to require that applicants implement (1) modern technologies to prevent leakage from waste storage facilities and lagoons, (2) surface and ground water monitoring that will detect pollution so that accidental pollution may be cleaned up, and (3) include science based BMPs that will aid in preventing accidental spillage or overapplication from harming aquatic systems. These can be as simple as a riparian buffer, which provides additional benefits of bank stabilization. In short, I urge Ecology to keep our state an example of how our society can continue to do better.

Respectfully,
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