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Dear Chelsea,

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.

My two children belong to a poultry 4-H group and have done so for the last 6 years. We have 5 chickens/pets that have taught my children a lot about life. These cluckers lay an egg each day that support our family and a few other families in our neighborhood. It is a crying shame that the Government again is ripping apart an educational tool just to have more money in their pockets, cheat/tax We The People, and act like a Tyrant...Do this Or be fined or jailed! This is   America for goodness sakes!!! How dare Ecology take away something that a child holds so dear to her heart... 5 laying 4-H hens whose droppings get picked up and put in a garbage bag each day. Shameful...absolutely shameful what you are trying to enforce!

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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