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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.

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.

This set of regulation is much too broad and ambiguous. Rural residents in county locations with just a few animals for local production, 200 animals or less, shouldn't even need a permit, especially if it is simply a homeowner having a few dozen chickens or a few dozen head of livestock (cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, emus, horses, etc.) to supply the homeowner's basic needs and the needs of a few neighbors. Also for those who own these animals simply for the pleasure of owning them. This will negatively impact many people and should not be allowed to become a state regulation. This is more government overreach placing onerous requirements on law abiding citizens simply supplying the food needs of themselves and a few other families and for those whom just want to have farm animals.

Once again I oppose these new rules and know several others are with me!