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I write to support better and more stringent rules for CAFOs. Since it is apparently difficult to monitor and identify CAFOs as point sources of water pollution (although I think you could with better monitoring), it makes sense to regulate the construction, maintenance, and use of CAFOs to prevent or minimize nitrogen, phosphate, and bacterial pollution from entering streams or groundwater.

Large CAFOs undoubtedly produce manure that equals or exceeds that of small cities. It is essentially untreated, usually ultimately sprayed on fields. Sometimes improvidently.

CAFOs are increasing in number and size. We already have many impaired streams in the state that are the result of agricultural activity. The logical extension of permitting unchecked growth of CAFOs without limiting the pollution they release is Iowa.

It is unfair that the state and its citizens bear the cost of this private economic activity.