

Leland Stoe

Thank you for working to protect our environment. For me, nature and our environment keep me whole. I am a fly fisherman, solo canoeist, hiker and nature lover. I also care deeply about our drinking water supply. I was devastated when the Rush Creek fish kill happened in 2022. My 6-yr-old grandson caught his first fish on a dry fly on Rush Creek three weeks prior.

Please invest in an online electronic system of recordkeeping for CAFO compliance. Along with making surveillance audits super easy compared to searching for the proverbial needle-in-the-haystack of papers, I believe it would make it easier for farmers--who I also support. Having an electronic recordkeeping system would give farmers peace of mind knowing they were in compliance. I recognize and appreciate that our farmers want to do the right thing. They care about our environment. Let's make it easier for them to ensure compliance.

I realize that this may seem overwhelming, but I urge you to start down this road. Pushing this task to the right only increases its cost. Our environment is worth protecting and needs our support today.

As you consider my comments today, I ask that you take to heart the seriousness of protecting our drinking water supply. Let's act boldly today so future generations can safely drink their well water.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Best, Lee Stoe (952-200-0134 [mobile])