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Rural Minnesota is constantly fighting to keep local business, agriculture, and resources protected and local. Allowing Riverview to monopolize the dairy industry is not conducive to the tenants that make rural Minnesota what it is. The pros — more jobs and expanded industry — do NOT outweigh the possible economic, environmental, and social cons. Depleting and/or damaging a county's resources to further the monopolization agenda is not sustainable in rural Minnesota. Resources, such as water, are already at an environmental risk at large in this country due to other risk factors, that putting Steven's county on the map for danger to water only furthers the risks already in place. Riverview may want to think they deserve to be a monopoly, or titan of industry, or some other self-imposing title, but no amount of money or veiling should make a county turn a blind eye to the risks of our natural resources, land, and local community and economy.