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I support what Land Stewardship Project says about this unprecedented CAFO operation: Minnesota's largest dairy producer has applied to build the first livestock operation in the state to hold over 20,000 animal units. If built, the concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) will hold 18,855 dairy cattle, bringing the total animal units to 26,397 in one facility.

This proposed operation is the first of its size in Minnesota. It would be nearly double the size of the next largest livestock operation in our state in terms of animal units. This makes it a fundamentally new and particularly powerful threat to Minnesota farmers and rural communities.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), which is the agency that issues Minnesota's feedlot permits, must recognize the fundamentally new nature of this threat and give this permit greater scrutiny than it ever has to previous proposals. This proposal by Riverview, LLP must be required to undergo a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Please make sure due diligence is done for the people of MN, and conduct a thorough EIS on this huge dairy operation!

Sincerely,
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