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As a Minnesotan and a social scientist who studies the social impacts of climate change and inequality, the recent history of CAFO expansion doesn't bode well for economic and social development, much less for the environment and our waterways. Systemic review of environmental impacts is an absolute must and should be a minimum threshold undertaking. We've seen the nitrates build-up and impact on our pristine water supply from farm runoff in our state already, and studies from Iowa and Minnesota confirm that an inverse relationship exists between economic vitality and confined animal feeding operations within localized communities. Thank you, Dr Sadie Pendaz-Foster