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Riverview, LLP has applied to house an estimated 26,397 dairy cattle at a single site, an alarming proposal that would represent an unprecedented scale for dairy production in Minnesota.

A full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be required. An operation of this size presents complex and far-reaching risks to water quality, air quality and surrounding ecosystems in addition to serious animal welfare concerns that cannot be adequately evaluated through a more limited review.

The proposed expansion also raises concerns for Minnesota's small independent farmers by placing additional economic pressures to those who are already struggling to compete in an increasingly consolidated market.

Minnesota must ensure that decisions of this magnitude are made with public transparency, complete information and careful consideration for the long-term sustainability of our environment.