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It has come to my attention that Riverview Dairy is looking to expand their operation to a level that we have not seen before in Minnesota. As a small scale farmer in central Minnesota who is connected to a lot of other farmers in the region, we are all struggling to get by financially. Dairy farms continue to close up shop in all of our counties and the answer is not to have one large dairy farm operating in our region. This is a recipe for disaster on so many levels from our local farm economies to the environmental impact on such a large operation. I have a friend who used to run a dairy farm near Riverview and they could not get the milk truck to pick up at their farm because they were too small. This is not the farm economy we want in rural Minnesota. Driving farmers out of business due to scale and capital is the exact opposite of what is going to keep our rural communities thriving. Let's think of creative solutions to protect our water and land while keeping farmers on the land in our communities.