

Dear Chair Hawj and committee members:

I am a Minnesota dairy farmer who would like to have a long term sustainable Dairy business in our great state. I am very concerned about SF 4234.

As a Family owned business we always have to be looking to the future to bring in the next generation. As margins get tighter we always have to find ways to become more efficient and gradual growth of the business is one way we stay competitive. The restrictive nature of SF 4234 is not conducive to a growing family business. Nor do I believe SF 4234 offers any environmental benefits as we already have a very extensive process, it will simply stop any family business that reaches that threshold.

I urge you to consider voting against this bill. It really just handicaps us here in Minnesota, there are fewer and fewer people that want to participate in the dairy business, to keep our rural areas thriving we need to make Minnesota a place to grow. I believe there are alternatives that could provide the environmental insurances you are looking for.

Respectfully.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brent J. Czech", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Brent J. Czech