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Chair Hawj  
95 University Avenue W.  
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3228  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: S.F. No. 4234**

Dear Chair Hawj,

We are writing in support of growing Minnesota's milk supply and dairy industry. We believe that S.F. No. 4234 will limit opportunities for Minnesota's dairy industry to grow in the future. Therefore, we oppose this bill.

Minnesota is home to a strong dairy industry. To keep it strong, we need farms of all sizes to continue to grow. This helps support our processors, feed suppliers, and livestock support businesses. Also note that feeding livestock is the leading use of corn grown in Minnesota. So growing our livestock industry also creates markets for crop farmers throughout the state.

The existing environmental review and permitting process for animal feedlots in Minnesota is already among the most robust in the nation. It does not appear that additional environmental review will make the process any more protective of the environment, but we fear it could be damaging to our agricultural economy.

Thank you,

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