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Re: SF 570

Chair Fong Hawj
Environment, Climate and Legacy Committee
3231 Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55155

April 2, 2025

Dear Chair Hawj and Members of the Environment, Climate and Legacy Committee:

The Minnesota Milk Producers Association thanks you for the opportunity to provide input on SF 570.

We support an addition to the bill that will clarify the ability of livestock farmers to navigate the permitting process for feedlots. With this addition, the bill also creates a better permitting process for many industries and allows us to join many other groups in supporting the bill overall.

In current practice, 116D.04, Subd. 2b. creates confusion. We believe the two clarifications are:

1. Local governments should receive applications concurrently with an application for a project destined for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's environmental review protocol.
2. Local governments should be allowed to provide preliminary or conditional approval, subject to completion of environmental review (whether that is an E.A.W., E.I.S., or some other outcome).

We urge you to support SF 570 and any amendments getting us closer to clearing the above confusion in the permit process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucas Sjostrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lucas Sjostrom
Minnesota Milk Executive Director

Advancing the Success of Minnesota Dairy Farms