

I am a long time resident and farmer in the Scio community. I support SB583 but it doesn't go far enough to protect communities from large scale industrial animal operations. This bill should be amended to expand the moratorium to all industrial animal operations.

Foster Farms, a California company, has targeted our area to do business by producing millions of birds in confined large scale industrial poultry buildings. This is a threat to our way of life and property values as it is well known that these operations produce air quality issues as well as pollution to water ways. We have some of the nicest rivers and streams in this area that would most certainly be affected in some way. Our small town roads would also suffer due to the extra truck traffic these operations would necessitate. I understand we are quite powerless to protect our community from a big company such as this which is why I'm asking you to help us keep our rural community free of these kinds of industrial operations.

Thank you for taking my way of life and my family's future into your consideration on this bill. Let's keep our small towns alive and well for generations to come. Somewhere we can all be proud to call home.