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The intent of SB85 is to block large scale production of livestock. The state needs to look at where these operations are allowed and what they could do to a local economy. We need a robust and local food supply but need to do so without harming the local way of life. The bill overall works to meet that goal but on a restricted scale.

I believe this bill strives to address those situations but may need some amendments to allow for facilities to operate under strict guidelines for installation and expansion as well as taking into consideration the locality they are proposing to operate in.

Watersheds and populations in the area should be a part of the discussion.

Overall I agree with the spirit of the bill as a CAFO operation in the mid valley on high value farmland or near delicate watersheds would be detrimental to the health and safety of the area. It makes no more sense than a utility scale solar PV installation on some of the most fertile farm land in the world.