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As a farmers market business owner, supporter of local food and small scale agriculture and producers that depend on our natural resources for their livelihoods, I am in support of this bill. Large scale industrial feeding operations have in many places done massive damage to watersheds, soil health, and other important agricultural resources that go far beyond the bounds of their property lines. The economic effects that these operations can have on property values and operating costs for small farmers and landowners too is significant. I believe that the effects of these sorts of operations needs to be studied in depth before our legislature decides whether or not to approve them in our state!