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Last minute amendments were proposed during a critical deadline last week that have significantly watered-down SB 85-1. The amended bill, referred to as Senate Bill 85-2 has gutted the bill most likely because of industry pressure: the moratorium now only applies to chicken factory farms, and only for two years.

Chicken factory farms are a problem that needs to be addressed, but their impacts on human and environmental health are far less than Mega-dairies and other larger livestock. To focus only on chickens is to let off the major polluters in this industry and put environmental justice communities at risk.

Mega-dairy and other major polluters will gather at the capitol on Wednesday to push for this amendment. Vote for SB 85-1 and sent SB 85-2 to the trash bin.