

## Watts Remy

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To the members of the Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee,

So here I sit at almost 6am thinking of my neighbors who are going to be hit with a very heavy legislative hammer because they are being thrown into the category of mega dairies when in fact they are not a mega dairy, they are a family enterprise that has been sustainable for many years. This dairy has endured years of price fluctuations, weather events and probably family turmoil but yet they continue on. However, I really believe that these two bills before you could be the final “straw that broke the camel’s back” so to speak. Why would you want to punish these dairies because of one bad apple, when in fact, these dairies would not have supported either! There is a human side to these dairies that represent numerous generations which have passed on their knowledge of animal husbandry and farming to the next generation which is actually excited to do the work to feed and clothe us. I have experienced that personally because my next generation is Brenda Frketich and I am still so thankful that she has the heart and passion for what it takes to successfully run our/her farm, Kirsch Family Farms. I’m not going to get into the mechanics of the bills because I firmly believe that the unintended consequences if these pass will be monumental. I don’t believe for a minute that if these bill do pass that all of the dairies will shutter and walk away but I believe bills of this nature will eventually tear apart the fabric of our agricultural area. My final thought is how can urban legislators that have no experience with agricultural enterprises come in and set hard and fast rules on the of size of dairies. To me this cries out “bully pulpit”! Do you want this valley to be just wine grapes and hazelnut orchards?

Thanks you for your time serving in the legislature!  
Respectfully submitted,  
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