

I'm submitting my testimony supporting SB583 -- Mega-dairies are a danger to our environment and our communities. Mega-dairies go against this beautiful state's values, which prides itself on being a champion for the environment. We need to stand up to the Mega-dairies and say enough! We need to protect our natural resources for our communities and future generations. I would also like to bring to your attention that mega-dairies treat animals as commodities, keeping them confined in small spaces and separating them from their offspring. As we need to remember, these animals are forcefully artificially inseminated to continue to produce milk in mass quantities, something that in itself it's not natural. I urge this committee to really look at how damaging Mega-dairies are to our environment, the workers, and the animals and vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you for your time.