

My name is Karen Samek and I am strongly opposed SB 583. I grew up on a dairy farm in Marion county and have also worked in the dairy industry for most of my life. I am currently a field manager for NDA-Darigold. A large portion of my job entails me visiting farmers at their farms. I learn a lot about these farms through observations and conversations. I can assure you that this industry is already very regulated. The thing that I find most disturbing about this bill is that its targeting the large farms for no good reason. The larger farms are already more regulated by programs that are already in place, like CAFO. During my regular visits to farms I am not noticing large farm being less compliant or doing a poor job with things like environmental responsibility and animal welfare. SB 583 Does not provide helpful solutions for anybody.