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I am writing this testimony in support of this bill. It is seriously concerning that chicken waste would enter our water systems. The poultry lobby claims that chicken waste is "dry litter" so it cannot enter the groundwater or surface water systems. However, this "dry litter" is sold as fertilizer and spread over fields which are regularly watered, and the runoff enters both groundwater and surface waters. Additionally, the three proposed CAFOs in Linn County are either along or near the river and are on land that regularly floods in the winter. This guarantees the "dry litter" will become wet and will enter our surface water and groundwater systems, which will harm aquatic and wildlife habitat and pollute well systems these communities rely on.

Please do not allow chicken waste to be considered dry litter and have lobbyists mislead the government into polluting our waterways. Thank you.