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Good day, Senators. Thank you for taking my testimony on SB 80 today. My name is Debra McGee. I am a retired mental health professional, university professor and small scale rural farmer. I am very concerned about land use policy and advocate for (and use on my farm) sustainable, organic agricultural practices.

I strongly urge you to pass SB 80 in order to protect our land, water, air and climate from the unsustainable practices of large confined animal feeding operations. CAFOs rely on practices that produce massive amounts of manure, along with significant methane, ammonia, and nitrous oxide emissions.

It is past time we shift to regenerative, sustainable practices in order to create a resilient food system that prioritizes the health of our environment and our communities, not just profits.

Thank you.
Debra McGee