Concerning CAFO Draft Permit

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Jennings,
My name is Fred Folkerts and family dairy farms in Skagit County. We have been there for 55 years. We milk about 370 cows and farm about 300 acres, we have 2 manure storage Lagoons which like most Lagoons in our area are unlined. If we were required to line these Lagoons we would probably be forced to exit the dairy business due to the high cost and further regulation and maintenance costs. We are inspected annually and as far as I know we have no leakage problems. If these new rules were implemented I think quite a few smaller family run dairy farms would be forced to quit and some farms would be developed for residential and commercial purposes, some would be converted to croplands, it would also destroy wild life habitat such as

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ducks and geese who winter on a lot of dairy farm grasslands. I realize there are some operations who are heavily concentrated with cattle who are having problems, but that does not mean we are all like that. Just because there a few "naughty kids" in school doesn't mean the whole school needs to be punished. I hope you will reconsider the situation and leave things the way they currently are. Sincerely, Fred Folkertsma

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