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Mr. Jon Jennings,

Hi, I am a dairy farmer in Mount Vernon. I would like you to know that we are deeply concerned for the environment and enjoy its beauty around us. We love cows and believe the utmost care must be a priority. We are also very concerned about staying in business. The way this business is headed, it is a race to the bottom. We are in a free market which the 5000 cow plus dairies have the advantage. It's the Walmart mentality of business. I realize that there are a few dairymen that have given us a bad reputation but I truly believe most care deeply for the environment. Clean ditches are a must for us but I believe the Ecology wants over kill. Even if the Ecology acts on the proposed buffers, it will do nothing to protect the water. We have a lot of wildlife polluting our ditches. Buffers will not stop this problem only take valuable land out of production.

Thank you for your time! Eric Vander Kooy

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