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### **Legislature Attempts to Attract More Factory Farms to Missouri**

A bill recently introduced into the Legislature seeks to encourage counties to welcome factory farms into their communities. ***HB 882 would actually reward counties that do not regulate factory farms.*** This measure would give preferences in grant money and aid from the state's Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Economic Development to those counties that have no restrictions or regulations on factory farms.

Counties, in effect, would receive payoffs from the state for allowing factory farms to pollute, emit harmful emissions, and contaminate the natural streams and aquifers in their communities. HB 882 is intended to open up many counties in the state to cruel factory farms.

Please urge your state legislators to **OPPOSE HB 882 or any other legislation weakening local control of factory farms.**



HB 999 & SB 553 would go even further by denying the authority of local county commissions and local county health boards to regulate large factory farms (CAFOs) and would rescind all existing local ordinances on factory farms passed by county commissions and county health boards.

It should be emphasized that regulations by county health boards and by county commissions have been successful in keeping factory farms out of many counties in Missouri. Large corporate factory farms and other agricultural interest groups have long been opposed to local control over farming practices and are once again attempting to overturn local ordinances.

**Please ask your state legislators to support local control and oppose HB 882, HB 999, & SB 553.**



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