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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: WQM and NPDES Permit Application Fees and Annual Fees (#7-533)(correction to Table in § 91.22(a) published April 6, 2019; 49 Pa.B. 1665).

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Hello my names Brian Bashore and I'm from a rural part of the state. Mifflintown PA. As a farmer/caregiver of land and I write this in a hope to change people's attitudes towards being a CAFO or what people call "factory farms". As a operator of 2 finisher pig barns and 2 chicken egg barns, we strive to give these animals the best life ever. Being a CAFO is not something any farmer wants to be. But yes we deal with it to make our lives/family better off with extra income. It is hard enough paying the CAFO permit and dealing with DEP on our back let alone the rest of the world talking bad about how we mistreat our animals and complain when we spread the manure "respectively" even. As a young farmer that I am I completely understand rules though. There are very disrespectful farmers as there is any kind of people in the world. But punishing many and many of the people that feed this world is not right. We don't ignore the rules we follow them. Do you really think we want to get hassled by DEP and get a letter in the mail saying we are getting fined thousands of dollars? No. We love our animals. We love our land. Give us credit not shame. If you want to see more farmers like you say then quite regulating us to death. Like I said before, rules are needed though! Nobody has any idea how hard farming is. I will gladly open my doors to anyone to come live a week in our shoes. If you don't you may never get another chance as you are killing the last percentage of farmers in the world.

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