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Cc: Agriculture, Minister (LEG); Conservation, Minister (LEG); Water  
Stewardship, Minister (LEG); Premier (LEG)  
Subject: Clean Environment Commission Hog Industry review

To Whom It May Concern,

We, the members of Organic Planet Worker Co-op, are active participants in Manitoba's hog industry. We purchase and sell certified organic pork raised on local family farms. We support an ongoing moratorium on hogbarn construction until the industry gets its house in order. We are in opposition to the smell and water quality issues, "midnight farming" practices, the economics of the industry-driven "vertical marketing" system which makes independent farmers into "serfs", the emphasis of quantity of life over quality of life, the inhumanity of enclosed ILO barns, and finally, an economically unsustainable bottom line with the rise of fuel and grain prices.

Please act to defend family farms, and the clean environment upon which they depend, from an industry that places profit above any other value.

Farmers Feed Cities.  
Sincerely,

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