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Attached statement of concern

We agree with the NRCB decision on September 13 2022, G&S Cattle Ltd. RA21045.
The proposed CFO would pose negative and long lasting effects on our community and our unique environment area.

We are acreage owners who are Directly affected. We rely on our well water for drinking and bathing in. We also water our garden.

I filed a statement of concern in which I stated that we have a daughter with special needs and also foster children that are also medically fragile. We are extremely worried about the effects of living so close to a feedlot would have on them.

The CFO would not have any positive impact on our community.

Dawna and Raymond Thomas

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To who it may concern;

My name is Dawna Thomas and I am writing to express my concern and disapproval of the proposed intensive livestock operation that has applied for approval for expansion in my immediate area.

My husband Ray and I live on Range Road 24 north of the Yeoford Road. We have lived here for 20 years and of course, enjoy the peace and solitude that country living brings. We purchased this property knowing that we were living in farm country and the idea of being in proximity of generational family farms run by caring and compassionate people was appealing.

Over the years our children grew and as young people do, they moved away. Now we have several grandchildren who regularly visit. They love all the freedom of an acreage such as bike riding, helping plant the garden, their swimming pool, camp fires generally everything outdoors. We know that growing up in this area is good for them and several years ago we decided to become foster parents for the Alberta Children's Services Department. The decision was partly made because we had such a beautiful country acreage property for the children to enjoy. We have found success taking care of children with complex medical needs. The social workers that we deal with are a part of the Family Home Program and we specialize in children we term 'Medically Fragile.'

Currently we have a 4 year old girl we recently adopted. Prior to the adoption she was a part of the Family Home Program because of a diagnosis of Angelmans Syndrome, epilepsy and environmental allergies. She is non verbal, tube fed and has a wheelchair. She also loves being outside enjoying her swing, pool, going for walks etc. Currently she is growing and thriving and although a big part of that is because of the love she is surrounded by in our home we recognize that our rural lifestyle definitely plays a role.

Not long ago, a child moved from our home due to some increasingly high needs and this opens a spot for another child to come and benefit from a loving home in a quiet area with fresh air and clean water. We also provide respite for parents of medically fragile children.

This is where the proposed intensive livestock operation is causing us concern. This type of semi-industrial concentrated livestock operation is sure to have an impact on our local

environment. Specifically we are fearful of the impact this will have on the water aquifer as animal waste percolates through the soil. This aquifer is what we rely on as we draw water daily to cook, clean and bathe. We worry about the increased traffic on our road as livestock, feed and equipment are moved. This will no doubt stress an already under maintained gravel surface.

We are concerned about the migration pathway. We have already seen the mud and dirt on the roads. The muck from the tractors and trucks on the road will get dragged onto our property by our vehicles and dogs and wildlife. Or the surface run off will run through our lawn where children play. We are also concerned about the air quality. Air borne Dust, bacteria and fine particulates can move through the air and deposit onto surfaces in the yard and house and the children can ingest them. There is also the possibility of zootonic diseases.

We have grown to appreciate the odd odours from nearby farms that occasionally drift our way but an intensive operation as proposed is sure to leave us overwhelmed with the unpleasant reality of thousands of animals. The medically fragile children in our home already have the the cards stacked against them, so to speak. An approval of this proposed development would surely impact them in a negative way.

In closing, I would again like to express my disapproval of our neighbour's proposed intensive livestock operation that has applied for permission to expand their current operation. The environment our family, and the foster children who call our place home, is in need of protection. We request your assistance in making sure this application is denied so that Ray and I can enjoy our little piece of heaven here in the country and continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for the children that we continue to advocate, nurture and care for.

Respectfully,

Dawna Thomas