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## Rep. Macco Requests Wisconsin DNR to Enforce Environmental Laws against Ledgeview Farms, LLC

**Madison...**The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources intends to issue a permit to Ledgeview Farms, LLC, to operate a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) – a farm with 1,000 or more animals. Ledgeview Farms has been operating above this threshold since 2013 and quite possibly earlier than that. State Representative John Macco (R-Ledgeview) released the following statement:

"The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has the important responsibility of protecting our citizens, lands and waterways, as well as ensuring fair application of the laws. As such, I am very disappointed that after more than a decade of non-compliance with town, state and federal environmental and farming laws, the DNR is intending move forward with issuing a CAFO permit to Ledgeview Farms."

"I am proud of our Wisconsin dairy farmers both large and small; they are honorable business owners and reliable members of the community who represent the industry well. It is unfair that this one bad actor puts all of that at risk."

Note to media: please refer to the attachment for additional information:

• Noncompliance history from the Town of Ledgeview's recent livestock siting decision

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