

What Happened to Our Rights?



I've come to know many rural Iowans dealing with infringing factory farms. I see their anguish when their homes and well-being are threatened. Neighbors tell me they've pleaded with CAFO owners to not build nearby. They are told, "I have the right to do what I want on my property."

I know people who get physically sick when the putrid stench blows their way – gagging, nausea and worse, blinding headaches. Many don't dare open windows; others wear face masks to go outdoors. Some sleep in basements to get away from the stink. Others battle swarming flies. Many lament that they can't sell their homes – their investment is gone. Depression and anxiety take over. This is too much loss.

More and more I hear: "I have no rights. My family has no rights. My neighbors have no rights. What happened to our rights?"

– Diane Rosenberg, Executive Director, JFAN

We Need to Protect Our Rights

Iowa law is skewed. It gives CAFO owners the right to build factory farms against their neighbors' wishes.

It fails to protect the rights of communities to say "NO" to a CAFO that has the power to destroy their health and the enjoyment and value of their homes.

That's because in Iowa the economic rights of the industrial agriculture machine are considered superior to the rights of people like us.

Isn't it time to demand that public health and basic human rights come before the unfettered economic gain of the multi-billion dollar livestock industry?

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