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The Missouri Rural Crisis Center is opposing HB 506. This bill purports to stop foreign ownership of Missouri farmland but, in its current form, actually does the opposite and opens up more Missouri farmland for foreign purchase. In shifting reporting responsibilities to the counties, it gives them an extra one percent of farmland eligible for foreign purchase even though several of these counties are already well above the one percent threshold. It also keeps the W-9 loophole that allows foreign corporations to bypass reporting their purchases to the Mo Dept. Agriculture making it impossible to accurately track the amount of foreign owned farmland in Missouri. We need an outright ban on future foreign corporate ownership of Missouri farmland, not a new and complicated system that doesn't work. Senator Doug Beck has a great bill, SB 243, that will stop foreign corporate ownership in its tracks.



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Millions of Missourians are jeopardized by the expansion of CAFOs. We do not benefit from depleted property values and public health dangers caused by air and water pollution. Whenever those factory farms are owned by Chinese and Brazilian corporations, our national and food security is also at risk. Iowa, for example, now has over 700 polluted waterways since CAFOs expanded throughout their state. These industrial operations are now targeting Missouri's once-clean waterways-- and loosening our drinking water protections in the process. Prior to 2013, foreign corporate ownership of farmland was prohibited. The law changed in Missouri in 2013, just two weeks ahead of Smithfield Farm's purchase by a large Chinese meatpacking corporation. That year over 40,000 acres of Missouri farmland were purchased by Smithfield. Then, in 2015, an additional loophole was created which makes foreign ownership of Missouri farmland almost impossible to track, since these corporations can bypass reporting their purchases to the Missouri Department of Agriculture. I have watched my grandparents work sunrise to sundown every day on their Century Farm for as long as I've been alive. Their milk and beef are sold to the larger market, where their return on investment becomes less and less every year. They are now approaching 80 years old and still cannot retire. To make matters worse, a CAFO has moved in a couple miles away from their farm, threatening the future of their land and heritage. It doesn't require much research to know that noxious fumes, polluted water and nauseating smells are bad for Missourians. Nor does it require much common sense to understand that an untraceable amount of Missouri farmland being sold to Chinese and Brazilian corporations presents a major threat to food and national security. Please vote no on House Bill 506 and stop the sale of Missouri land to foreign interests.



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Missouri needs you to vote NO on House Bill 506. This bill purports to stop foreign corporate ownership of Missouri farmland, but it actually opens up more Missouri farmland for foreign ownership. It also keeps the W-9 loophole that makes tracking the amount of foreign corporate owned land in Missouri virtually impossible. We need an actual prohibition of foreign corporate ownership of Missouri farmland. Instead of a convoluted new system that will not work, we need a straightforward ban of foreign corporate ownership of our farmland. Senator Doug Beck's Senate Bill 243 strictly prohibits any future foreign corporate ownership of Missouri farmland. This is the legislation Missouri needs! Thank you, Pam Shaver



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HB 506 purports to stop foreign corporate ownership of Missouri farmland but actually opens up more Missouri farmland for foreign ownership. It also keeps the W-9 loophole that makes tracking the amount of foreign corporate owned land in Missouri virtually impossible. Bills such as this which allow for the expansion of foreign-owned concentrated animal feeding operations with their smelly, water- and air-polluting operations deprive rural Missouri residents of quality of life and good health. Thus their power to control their own environment is taken away, in violation of the Missouri Constitution which (Art 1, sec.2) affirms "a natural right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and the enjoyment of the gains of their own industry." Such laws are also inconsistent with the spirit of said Constitution, which affirms (Art1, sec 4) that "all proposed amendments . . . which which in any wise may impair the right of local self-government belonging to the people of this state, should be submitted to conventions of the people.[]" Finally, the lack of transparency in tracking foreign-owned land simply deprives citizens of essential information necessary to making rational legislation to benefit the general welfare. This bill is an ill-conceived attempt to enshrine benefits to a few detrimental to the best interest of all Missourians.



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