

2023 Moratorium talking points:

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Optional call script:

Hello Representative Sexton,

This is *[your name]*, with Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement. Please support the 2023 CAFO Moratorium Bill introduced by Rep. Art Staed. House Bill: [HF 164](#)

Iowans deserve a moratorium on new and expanding factory farms, and it's crucial for you to support responsible agriculture to address Iowa's water quality crisis and factory farms' harm to independent farmers.

Will you assign HF 164 to a subcommittee?

(Feel free to share where you are from and why this is important to you!)

Factory Farm Moratorium Talking Points:

- The factory farm industry is threatening our water, our rural communities, and our independent family farms.
- Factory farms are squeezing independent family farms out of business. Between 1997 and 2017, the number of hog farms in Iowa plunged by 85.5 percent.
- I believe in the fundamental rights to clean water, to a healthy climate, and that people's health should not be sacrificed for corporate gain.
- In 2022, over 35 legislators supported a moratorium on factory farms and we need your support.
- Iowa has over 10,000 factory farms. On average, between 300-600 additional factory farms are built each year.
- Iowa has 26 million corporate owned hogs that produce over 72 billion pounds of untreated liquid manure and raw feces which is two and a half times the weight in human sewage produced by the New York City metropolitan area.

- Iowans want to see a stop to factory farm takeover of our state. Over 1 in 4 counties have called for stronger protections against factory farms, and according to a [poll by Johns Hopkins Center for a Liveable Future](#), 63% of Iowans support passing a moratorium on the expansion and construction of new factory farms.
- The “Master Matrix,” a scoring mechanism intended to give communities input, is so weak that in its 15-year existence all but 2% of proposals have passed. A passing score on the Master Matrix is 50% — an “F” by any other standard. We need real solutions, like this Moratorium bill.