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To: Oregon Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

From P.A. Harcombe, [REDACTED] Albany, OR [REDACTED]

I write to urge your committee to recommend that the Senate pass SB 103. I have a small farm just south of Albany, on which I grow wheat, barley, corn, beans and squash for sale in the local farmers' markets. I do not make my living farming, but I am deeply committed to sustainable agriculture and environmental protection. Just upwind of me is a sheep ranch that maintains animals at a relatively high density, and provides substantial supplemental feed. Hence I know about odors generated by animal operations. I also live quite close to a very large straw compression facility, so I am familiar with noise issues. In both cases, I believe the operations have effects that go beyond the limits of what should be protected under Oregon's right-to-farm statute. I can hardly imagine what it might be like to live downwind of an industrial-scale dairy operation, and so I believe such facilities must be strictly regulated. Until a system of rigorous standards with strong enforcement capacity is in place, a moratorium on new industrial facilities is critically important. This is why I urge your committee to recommend approval of SB 103.

Thank you for your consideration.