

Chairman Dembrow and committee:

I'm Joel Slegers and am a third generation Oregon dairy farmer. I am against SB 103 and SB 104. We milk 2,150 cows and have young heifers on three other farms. We farm 1,100 acres of crops for feed for our cows and heifers. We also farm 87 acres of cherries. We use manure to meet almost all of the nutrient needs of our crops, including the cherries. The rest of our manure is used to fertilize neighbors' crops. We have samples of our manure and soil tested so as to apply only the agronomic rate necessary for growth of crops. We have been inspected by a third party for animal welfare under the FARM program and also have many state and federal agencies that we are in full compliance with. We are not an industrial business, we are agricultural. I thank you for hearing our side.

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