

I support a moratorium on new and expanded mega-dairies in Oregon for the sake of our water supplies as well as our climate, water quality, our economy and animal welfare. Mega-dairies are major contributors to climate change because the cows and their waste emit large amounts of methane. They also pollute nearby groundwater and surface water if the animal waste is not perfectly managed, drive family farms out of business, and raise animal-welfare concerns such as extreme confinement and excessive production demands. Mega-dairies cause is an enormous, concentrated demand on water resources. There needs to be more control over these operations. Thank you.

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