

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. I am in favor of SB 583 as a vehicle to support family farmers in Oregon, and as a way to begin to curb the environmental abuses of large, factory-type farming. I believe that care of the soil and water is care for the future of the earth, and support of small farms, especially with a regenerative focus is critical to the future of humans as eaters. The creation and maintenance of smaller farms neatly encompasses land stewardship by requiring smaller, more place-specific decisions, makes better quality food available locally, and fights global warming by sequestering carbon. The more we support thoughtful farming, the more economically viable it will be. I cannot see any reason at all to promote large factory operations.