

Chair Beyer and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

My name is Kristen and I live in Multnomah County. I am writing in support of SB 583.

There are many concerns with mega-dairys. It particularly concerns me that cows in mega-dairies typically live their entire life indoors in huge buildings, only moving between tiny stalls and milking parlors until they are eventually killed because they are "unproductive." In mega-dairies, cows often stand on hard concrete, which leads to foot damage and exacerbates lameness. And being intensely confined on a large scale means massive amounts of antibiotics - which can be passed along to humans - are required to treat common diseases in confined cattle, like mastitis.

There are many other concerns with mega-dairys, such as their impact on water, climate and farmers. Please support SB 583. We need to protect our people, our animals and our planet.

Thank you for your time and service,
Kristen Sartor