

Submitter: Kathleen Hadley

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Chair Golden & Senators of the Committee on Natural Resources,

My name is Kathleen Hadley, and I oppose SB 85. I run two family farms with my father and husband, and although we do not have CAFOs ourselves, I am very concerned with the impacts & precedent this bill would set.

Farmers and ranchers deeply cares about the environment- if we dont take care of it, it will not take care of us & our operations. The current CAFO system is highly structured & regulated to ensure the highest environmental standards are held. It has been a well functioning program, and the idea of a moratorium related to it, particularly regarding operations already in existence looking simply to renew or modify their permit, is ludicrous. There is no reason the things this bill seeks to evaluate cannot be studied while operations proceed.

We have already seen uncertainties with our food supply chain in recent years, and putting additional burdens on farms so vital to our food supply is unwise. Please do not advance this legislation as written.