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March 2, 2023

Senate Committee on Natural Resources
900 Court St NE
Salem, Oregon

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod and Committee members:

Please see the attached letter signed by the Stayton Mayor and all Council members in support of HB 2667. It is our understanding that SB 85 is substantially similar to the proposed House Bill and, therefore we wanted to provide you a copy indicating our strong support for this proposed bill.

As noted in the letter signed by the Mayor and Council, "Stayton prides itself on our rural and agricultural heritage and support our neighbors' rights to use their land *in ways that do not impact others*, however, the proposed facilities are relatively unprecedented and can have significant and long-lasting impacts to the viability and livability of our communities, even when not located within close proximity to a facility. We believe it is prudent to pause and take the time to thoroughly understand and regulate the impacts rather than proceed with allowing them and having to deal with the consequences."

We appreciate the Senate Committee holding a hearing and offering the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Julia Hajduk
City Manager

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February 10, 2023

House Agriculture, Land use, Natural Resources and Water Committee
900 Court St NE
Salem, Oregon

RE: Support for HB 2667

Chair Helm, Vice Chairs Hartman and Owens and Committee members;

As elected officials serving the residents of Stayton, we respectfully request your support for House Bill 2667. We have heard many concerns from our residents about the Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) being proposed in the area and we strongly support a moratorium on all new mega size Tier-2 CAFOs until the impacts of these facilities on air quality, climate, water quality, water supplies, small- and medium-sized livestock farms, community and worker health and animal welfare is studied and addressed.

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We urge the Committee to progress this bill through the committee in a timely manner so that it can be approved and in effect expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Mayor Brian Quigley

Council President David Patty

Councilor David Giglio

Councilor Jordan Ohrt

Councilor Ben McDonald

CC: Representative Ed Diehl
Senator Fred Girod

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