

Submitter: Chris Pine

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Chris Pine

Re: Support for SB85, the factory farm moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Chris Pine, and I live in Portland. I support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I am writing because I care deeply about the quality of our land, water, and air, about animal rights, and about the efficient use and stewardship of our precious resources.

Factory farms drain and pollute Oregon's water resources. Oregon's 11 mega dairies the same amount of water every day as a small city. In addition to catastrophic manure spills, the sheer amount of manure that factory farms produce often exceeds what crops can absorb. This causes manure runoff into waterways. A factory farm moratorium would protect us from the cancer-causing drinking water and toxic air quality that threatens the health of local communities.

Another concern is the animal welfare angle. It's widely known that factory farms are horrific places that most decent people don't even want to hear or learn about. But the fact is that most of our meat comes from factory farms. Let's live our values, and support family farms over factory farms.

I urge you to vote for SB85 in the 2023 legislative session to protect our climate, environment, animal rights, rural communities, and family farms.

Sincerely,

Chris Pine