

Submitter: David Ewing

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: David Ewing

Re: Support for SB85, the factory farm moratorium bill

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

My name is David Ewing, and I live in Bend. I support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I am writing on behalf of myself and the Oregon chapter of Food and Water Watch.

Imagine this headline: Scio Oregon School threatened by Mega Chicken Factory. Or this headline: Morrow County Commissioners declare water contamination emergency. Or this headline: Lost Valley Dairy Farm "finally" shut down after 200 environmental citations and nitrate ground water contamination. These are all events that have either happened or are happening right now. The why and how is simple. The laws that Oregon has in place, laws to protect schools, communities, small farmers, natural resources our environment and animals were all written "prior" to the mass proliferation of factory farms and the settled science regarding man-made climate change. Oregon law is woefully inadequate. Our neighbors to the North and South are taking action. The time address factory farm pollution and all of its consequences is NOW!

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

Sincerely,

David Ewing  
Bend, OR.