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On Behalf Of: The Puhl Family
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB85

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To: The Senate Committee on Natural Resources
From: The Puhl Family, Ranchers and Farmers in Curry County

Re: SB 85

Dear Senators,

We strongly oppose SB 85 which would place a complete moratorium on the issuance or renewal of licenses and permits for Confined Animal Feeding Operations.

The rules and laws already in place on CAFO's are more than sufficient to protect the environment. If passed, SB 58 will cause immense harm to Oregon's cattle industry.

As cattle ranchers in Southern Oregon we already face a lack of competitive buyers for our calves, thereby lower the prices we receive. If the buyers who purchase our calves and then move them to CAFO's to raise them to market weight are unable to do so, we may be unable to continue ranching.

Our ranch on Elk River has been our family since 1914. As the third and fourth generations working this property, we struggle to keep the ranch profitable as it is.

Please do not pass this unnecessary and very dangerous bill.

Sincerely,

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