

Submitter: Elizabeth Ilem

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Elizabeth Ilem

Re: Support for SB85, the factory farm moratorium bill

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

My name is Elizabeth Ilem and I live in Troutdale, Oregon. I support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon.

I am disturbed by the reports of soil and groundwater contamination that is likely worsened by the accumulation and application of manure in mega dairy operations in Eastern Oregon. I am also disturbed by the difficulty that family farms experience when mega dairies and CAFOs move into Oregon. There seems to be a hollowing out of rural communities when CAFOs take over. In the 8 years after the state's largest mega-dairy operations began, more than 600 small-scale dairies went out of business.

I am concerned by the exposure to hazardous chemicals, fumes and particulate matter that workers and those living near by experience when factory farms are neighbors.

I also am very distressed by the quality of life and death that cows, pigs, and chickens experience in factory farm settings. As Oregonians, we can do much better than this!

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ilem