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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To Senator Golden and members of the committee: I urge your support of SB 85. CAFO's are known to cause water and soil contamination because of the massive number of animals. The state of Oregon does not have a good record of monitoring and regulating current CAFOs, likely contributing to contaminated drinking water in Eastern Oregon and problems elsewhere. It is important to pro-actively limit future operations. Even if the operation is limited to the number of animals stated in the bill, the impact to water, soil and air can be significant. Once a water source or acres of land are contaminated, they cannot be replaced. Our clean natural resources are limited and precious. We would be better off encouraging increased production of plant-based food for Oregonians rather than making it easier to house thousands of animals in sometimes appalling conditions.