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In 2016 my family moved back to Oregon to get away from the enormous growth of factory farms in my husband's home state of Iowa. If Oregon continues to allow factory farming, large pork producers will send representatives to visit Oregon farmers and sell them on their get rich quick scheme to build 5,000 to 10,000 head hog/pig confinements on their farm. Within 6 months, the neighbors will witness an increase in mice population due to the grain bins to feed the hogs. Followed by an influx of snakes that feed on the mice. Within a year, the mice and snake population doubles. Pigs are unable to handle stress and many die in the confinement. Flesh eating flies show up in neighbors properties and bite any person enjoying nature ... that fly was just feeding on a dead rotting carcass.

The smell of the huge pit of pig manure is like nothing anyone has ever experienced and the off gases of hydrogen sulfide is dangerous to the lungs. Huge fans are installed at both ends of the confinements to flush the toxic fumes out because the entire building of pigs would die from exposure within 20 minutes.

Any outdoor quality of life within a 3-5 mile radius of each confinement would be eliminated.

Please consider what happened in Iowa as a huge warning sign that Oregon should NOT open its doors to pork producers! They are paying close attention to what happens with this bill.

Here is a link to the Iowa site with educational facts and data about factory farms:
<https://www.jfaniowa.org/>