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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

I want to go on record stating that I oppose SB-85. This is an unnecessary burden on the production of needed food. By stopping the growth of animal agriculture, the food chain will break down and our food prices will go through the roof.

I live in Dayton, OR and there are 5 active chicken farms within a 10-mile radius of my house. One of those farms has 10 chicken barns and another one has 11. These are not "factory farms" just because they're big. All of these farms are owned and operated by families who live right here in Dayton. Our town does not stink, our air is not polluted, and our water is not contaminated. These farms been in operation since the early 1980's.

All of the folks who think chicken farms pollute need to come here to Dayton, stand in our city park, and try to tell anyone that they can tell there are 5 chicken farms here. They won't be able to.

As you consider this matter, I urge you to seek out FACTS and not just people's opinions. I have read many of the testimonies supporting this bill. It is amazing how many folks have such a misconception about animal farming. Almost all of their concerns stem from ignorance. I am not saying that to be mean. It's just a fact. They have an opinion on something that you can tell they've either not researched, or only bothered to look at from their own point of view.

You as lawmakers have a responsibility to do what is best for the people of Oregon. People need affordable food. If this passes, food prices will rise. Not immediately, but it will be inevitable.

Thank You.