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As a citizen of Oregon, I strongly oppose SB85. CAFO permits are already very well regulated. Permits should be issued to more viable businesses. The idea to not issue any more permits is part of the agenda to eliminate animal agriculture from Oregon. Environmentalists, animal rights organizations, not-in-my-backyard folks, and leftist politicians want to get rid of nutritious meat, dairy, and all other animal products. I need protein to survive. I don't want to consume out-of-state milk, and foreign meat in the future, because Oregon isn't allowed to keep up with demand. Oregon's producers do a fine job. Any mistakes that they make along the way are already highly punished and dealt with. Please don't put the future of Oregon's ability to produce more good food on the chopping block. When legislation is passed that kills the ability to safely and efficiently feed people, the ultimate outcome is to force the food supply to become expensive, and less safe for the consumer AND the environment. Our food will come from a foreign country that doesn't care about the environment, and we will be funding that, instead of the good stewardship we get from our CAFO permit holders.