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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

I strongly oppose SB-85, this is just another bill in the attempt to eliminate Oregon Farmers and Ranchers.

Beef is one of Oregon's top agricultural commodities. Our producers and feedlots comply with state laws, are stewards of our land, our rivers, and our environment. This is an unfair and unnecessary burden on our industry. Our farms, ranches, dairies, feedlots and everyone raising livestock are part of a broad community that depend on one another and are the backbone of the local food supply and for exporting out of state.

The beef industry in Oregon already struggles with processing and supply channels. Restricting feedlots would only further pressure our ranchers, their families, and customers. Along with this, is the concerns of drought and the fact that many ranchers rely on feedlots to properly feed their cattle when grass is not available. Beef numbers are already at an all time low, shutting down feedlots will make those numbers even lower then they are now. This will push Oregonian's to source beef outside of Oregon and in turn will drive the beef prices in the supermarkets higher then they already are.

Please oppose SB - 85