

Submitter: Brent Ratkovich
On Behalf Of: Animal Compassion Eugene
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee
From: Brent Ratkovich / Animal Compassion Eugene (A.C.E.)
Re: Support for SB85, the factory farm moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Brent Ratkovich, and I live in Eugene. I support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I am writing on behalf of A.C.E. because we don't need more Factory Farms because of the immense suffering they cause animals, and the intense pollution they create for our beautiful state.

- I believe the land should be preserved for more organic produce farming and not giant animal cruelty factories!
- Factory farms also fuel climate change by releasing harmful and dangerous greenhouse gases, like methane and nitrous oxide. Oregon's 11 mega-dairy facilities produce over 17 million kilograms of methane gas every year – the same as the emissions from 318,000 passenger vehicles.
- Factory farms drain and pollute Oregon's water resources. Oregon's 11 mega dairies the same amount of water every day as a small city.

I urge you to vote for SB85 in the 2023 legislative session to protect our climate, environment, rural communities, and family farms.

Sincerely,
Brent Ratkovich
Animal Compassion Eugene
A.C.E.