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I am an Oregon citizen very concerned about climate change and the future of healthy agriculture in Oregon. I urge you to pass SB 85: Factory Farm Moratorium. Oregon must stop new and expanded permitting of Large Tier 2 CAFO facilities.

This will not only help family farms thrive, it will enable the state to mitigate climate change by reducing the large amounts of methane CAFOs cause.

Oregon's current permitting process for these facilities does not do enough to protect Oregon's soil, water, air and communities. It needs to stop issuing new permits until the systems-wide impacts of these factory farms can be fully understood and addressed.

Please listen to environmentally and socially responsible farmers of Oregon and re-align Oregon's standards with what's best for all the farmers in our state and those in the next generations.

Small farmers who sell their products where they live have a more positive impact on their communities than farms whose products are sold out of state. According to this OSU study locally focused producers create more jobs, put more money into their local economies and have a greater multiplier effect than commodity focused growers whose products are often shipped out of state. Locally focused farms employ local people, pay taxes locally, are more likely to give back to their communities in charity and mutual aid, and tend to buy more of their inputs locally.

No family farmer would begrudge another farmer trying to make a living. Large Tier 2 CAFO facilities are a symptom of a corporate system set up here in Oregon to favor the biggest of the big agribusinesses at the expense of the small and midsize operations that breathe life into our rural communities and produce the high quality, nutritious and delicious food Oregon is known for. The paradigm will not shift without acknowledging the problem and deciding to go in a different direction

It is time for the state of Oregon to prioritize climate friendly agriculture by finding ways to better regulate the practices that actually put all citizens at risk.

Please adopt SB 85: The Factory Farm Moratorium.

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