

Submitter: Richard Crimi

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Richard Crimi

Re: Support for SB85, the factory farm moratorium bill

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

My name is Richard Crimi and I live in Beaverton. I support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I am writing on behalf of myself, and for everyone who values clean air and water, public health, thriving and diverse businesses, and a compassionate and humane society.

Over 30 years ago I embarked on a journey, a food journey. Initially sparked by an interest to maintain a healthy lifestyle, I stopped eating meat on a continual basis and eventually shifted my diet to plant-based. On that journey, I became aware of the environmental impacts and inhumane practices of large-scale animal operations.

Factory farms, or CAFOs, fill the air with methane, a climate change contributor, produce catastrophic amounts of nitrogen that can lead to runoff and contaminate water supplies, and cause immense suffering to intelligent and emotion bearing beings. They also make for a less diverse economy by squeezing out small farm operations. In short, CAFO's are a bad business and don't belong in Oregon.

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

Sincerely,
Richard Crimi