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I am writing in support of SB 85. CAFOs, or Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, may look good for food distribution and local economics, but they are bad for nearly every other consideration that they impact. Presence of CAFOs in other locales had led to increased surface and groundwater pollution, increased odors in the surrounding area, increased heavy truck traffic and wear on local roads and increased demand on other local services, such as waste management and water demand.

I believe the economic gains of CAFOs is more than offset by their negative environmental and social impacts.

Add to that the fact that CAFOs are cruel and inhumane to the animals that are raised inside. It is animal husbandry at its worst.

I support SB 85 in studying the impacts of CAFOs, which I am confident will set responsible limits on the creation of CAFOs in the State of Oregon.