

TO: Senate Committee on Natural Resources

From: Aileen Kaye

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Re: **Yes on SB 85-1**

Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod, and members of the Committee,

I urge you to vote Yes on SB 85-1 and pass it out of committee. My reasons are similar to so many of the letters of testimony you have already received. Environmental degradation is a major concern.

I will add this information from The Humane League which explains the cruel aspects of these large operations which I don't even consider a type of "farming":

<https://thehumaneleague.org/article/factory-farmed-chickens>

Excerpt: Debeaking

Debeaking, or beak trimming, involves [removing](#) portions of a chicken's beak. This procedure is done when chicks are only a few hours old, without anesthesia, and is thought to cause chronic pain throughout the bird's life. Debeaking is designed to prevent chickens from pecking at one another—a behavior that arises due to the unnatural confinement conditions in factory farms. Layer hens are typically debeaked, although the operation can also be performed on broiler chickens.

This type of information should be included in the study that will take place if SB 85-1 passes.

Thank you for your consideration.

P.S. I live in a rural area and I am a constituent of Sen. Girod.