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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Support for SB85, the factory farm moratorium bill

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

My name is Dolores Matthys and I am a resident of Gearhart, OR. I strongly support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I am writing because I am passionate and concerned about our environment, our state, and the well-being of all animals.

I'm sure you are familiar with the United Nations Climate Change reports and research. Here is just a small snip-it from their website:

"The largest chunk of food-related greenhouse gases comes from agriculture and land use. This includes, for instance:

- methane from cattle's digestive process,
- nitrous oxide from fertilizers used for crop production,
- carbon dioxide from cutting down forests for the expansion of farmland,
- other agricultural emissions from manure management, rice cultivation, burning of crop residues, and the use of fuel on farms.

(<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/science/climate-issues/food>)

Factory Farms are not only detrimental to our environment, the local communities, and the consumers buying these unhealthy products, they are torture for the animals living and being born into the system. They lead confined and deprived lives and are treated as a \$\$ from conception to slaughter. This is a horrible industry and I can't imagine anyone working in this industry feels happy and satisfied by the work they do. Can you imagine picking up dead chickens in a dark, over-crowded, smelly warehouse for a living, or stealing newborn calves from their screaming mothers minutes after birth, only so we can drink her milk instead of her offspring?

The "industry" of creating animals for our mass-consumption is an atrocity that needs to end sooner rather than later, and it definitely has no place in our progressive, green state.

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

Sincerely,
Dolores Matthys