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My name is Mimi Papathanasopoulos. I am a local resident in Scio, OR. I grew up on my family farm: La Terra Vita.

I support SB 85-1. I support long-term food production in Oregon. For this, we need to protect our farm resources from unrestricted exploitation on massive scale by the poultry industry. SB 85 does this by not allowing any more new mega farm factories to establish new operations in Oregon. Oregon is a target because of its more stable climate and its generous rules in terms of water usage, among other reasons.

Our locality does not have enough underground water in the summer for the mega chicken factories to use freely for extremely large flocks of chickens.

Our elementary school children have a right to recess outdoors without suffering harm from heavily toxic particulate matter and ammonia emissions. The mega chicken factory is going to be built less than 1/2 mile from the school and church.

SB 85 preserves water for use by Oregon's current ranchers and farmers who do such an incredible job producing food and stewarding the land. SB 85 preserves the status quo of what our good-neighbor farming laws have done to make all of us ranchers and farmers work together and make rural Oregon special.