

Submitter: Samuel McBroom  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources  
Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee  
From: Samuel McBroom  
Re: Support for SB85, the factory farm moratorium bill

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

My name is Sam McBroom, and I live in Portland in Senator Taylor's district. I support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I am writing because the operation of factory farms result in harmful environmental effects that impact us all.

I moved to Oregon from Virginia this past August. What struck me most about Oregon when driving though it this summer was how hot and dry everything was. I was aware of the wildfires that have been plaguing California over the recent years, but was shocked and scared when later this summer intense wildfires sprung up all over Oregon and Washington. Seeing the burnt orange skies and breathing the smoky air left me concerned for my health, the safety of others, and the well-being and preservation of the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

Food and Water Watch reported Oregon's 11 mega-dairies produce as much greenhouse gases as 318,000 vehicles, warming up our planet, increasing the frequency, intensity, and scale of wildfires. Additionally, these mega-dairies use 8.2 million gallons of water per day, further contributing to Oregon's drought conditions and exacerbating the wildfires. The wildfires themselves add additional heat and CO2 to the atmosphere. These all lead to a vicious feedback loop, which will only continue to increase the average temperature, leading to fiercer wildfires that will continue to ravage Oregon's communities and natural beauty.

We can't allow factory farms to continue polluting our environment and drain our water resources. I urge you to vote for SB85 in the 2023 legislative session to protect our climate, environment, rural communities, and family farms.

Sincerely,  
Sam McBroom