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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

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To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support for SB 85- the factory farm moratorium bill

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

My name is Emily Platt, and I live in Portland, OR.

I am writing to you today in support of a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. We must take action to halt the expansion of factory farming in our state until we have protections in place for the environment, animal welfare, family farms, and frontline communities.

I am especially concerned about harm to the environment caused by factory farms, including pollution of ground and surface water, hogging water resources and contributing to worsening climate change. In addition, I care deeply about animal welfare and I am appalled at the inhumane treatment that the animals endure during their short lives. Lastly, CAFOs contribute little economically to the communities in which they are sited since these facilities are often owned by out of state entities.

I urge you to vote for SB 85 in the 2023 Legislative Session to protect our small and mid-sized socially and ecologically responsible family farms in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Emily Platt, Ph.D.

Portland, OR