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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Chair Golden and members of the committee,

My name is Kyndall Davis. I have raised livestock my entire life, and am currently at Oregon State University pursuing a degree in Animal Science. I ask you to oppose SB85. SB85 and the -1 amendment puts my future opportunities in the livestock field at risk.

No one cares more about the animals involved in these operations than farmers and ranchers

The passage of Senate Bill 85 would deal a massive blow to family farms and their communities in Oregon

We continue to hear the term, "factory farm." Factory farms are not family farming which is what we're discussing here today

Oregon's existing and robust regulatory program managing feeding operations in Oregon is run incredibly well

ODA and DEQ coordinate the overseeing of the CAFO program while the U.S. EPA has oversight

Permits are drafted by both agencies and all general and individual CAFO permits have a public notice, participation opportunity, and public hearing

ODA and DEQ's CAFO program exceeds federal requirements

The passage of this bill would undoubtedly reduce local food supply, drive up food costs, and increase reliance on out-of-state production. This means our food is traveling further and is less fresh.

Oregon's ag community is struggling to keep up with new regulations, taxes and labor requirements. Prohibiting new or renewed permits for our dairies, feedlots, poultry farms and other operations could be catastrophic.

The entire ag community and industry is dependent on supplying seed, feed and processing to one-another. Taking any operations out of the system will drive more family farms out of business.

SB 85 will reduce local supply of food, and increase reliance on out-of-state production.

Dairies in particular, are the major industry in several communities on the coast and Eastern Oregon, and reducing their economic output will impact other businesses who rely on their income.

The supply chain for beef and chicken is already strained. SB 85 would prohibit permits for existing operations, meaning producers will have nowhere to send livestock, either to processors or finishing lots (where cattle and other animals are fattened up for market).

We don't want to see our neighboring farmers, regardless of operation, lose their

business.

Let's not punish Oregonians who are already suffering from increased costs due to inflation.

Let's not disrupt what is already being done well.

Thank you for your time.