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On Behalf Of: Timber Unity

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Chair and members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee,

Timber Unity opposes the ban on CAFOs.

With the rising price of meat and eggs we should not be making the costs higher.

Oregon Legislature loves to make farmers, ranchers & foresters suffer. We jump through the hoops, we fill out the forms and follow the rules. This is all to produce local food and fiber. Yet, every legislative session we fight for our right to keep going.

Senate bill 85 is one more extreme example of this.

CAFO is not a dirty word, it's a regulatory word. It's a term used to regulate farms that specialize in animals. The owners and operators care and love their livestock. Every cow, chicken or pig has a personality, farmers recognize this and meet each animal's needs.

I watch my neighbors who have a "CAFO" love their animals and cry when they die. Farming is a family business, and the animals are family as well.

Please oppose SB85-1