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I am an Eastern Oregon rancher. This bill would have a devastating effect on the beef, poultry, and dairy supply chains and would result in an advantage to out of state food producers. Furthermore, I think that it would a good idea for legislators to visit some of these operations and see how they work and get some firsthand knowledge as to how they operate and the systems in place to control pollution (air and water) before implementing a policy that restricts food production in the face of a growing population. You have asked us to make huge investments to save the world from catastrophic climatic peril with SB 530 on carbon sequestration on one hand and then on the other disrupt our supply chain and access to markets with this bill, which will have the result of putting producers out of business. The current regulatory system for livestock operations is working, and there are already remedies to address isolated situations. This bill as written restricts the CAFO renewals of existing operations, which would have a huge negative impact on small family ranches, like mine, to be able to market our products, which flow through large feedlot operations.