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As a local property owner of farm ground in Linn County, I am writing to voice my support for Senate Bill 85-1. I fully support the farming industry and all of the good they provide the community, especially our local farmers here in Oregon. However, I am NOT in favor of out of state CAFO's, backed by large corporations (and often international money) being allowed to hide their large polluting FACTORY style operations under the guise of being "local farmer" type operations. Especially when it comes to invading and polluting our rural communities and setting up shop as they please near schools and church's, and being allowed to operate under laws created to manage the typical grass seed or row crop type farms. CAFO's are not "apples to apples" to our standard Linn County farm operations, and should not be treated as such. The air and ground pollution alone, not to mention the water usage these operations require for operation, is unprecedented in our County. It is startling to me what basic research indicates these type of operations have done in other States when allowed to get a foot hold in communities and operate as if they were a typical farm.

By the number of CAFO's being set up and applied for recently in the Willamette Valley, it is clear out of state money has identified our local rules as having the loop holes necessary, to now invade Oregon. I would ask the Legislature to do their due diligence, and provide the oversight required, to stop our local communities from being invaded and subjected to the pollution and eventual destruction that has unfortunately already occurred in many States already.