



Date: Monday, March 6, 2023

To: State of Oregon Senate Natural Resources Committee

Submitted By: World Animal Protection US

RE: Testimony in strong support of SB 85, the factory farm moratorium bill

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

On behalf of World Animal Protection and our supporters in Oregon and throughout the United States, we urge you to support SB 85 in the 2023 Legislative Session and stand against the cruelty and suffering farmed animals endure in intensive confinement systems.

The cruelty and suffering inflicted upon farmed animals in confined animal feeding operations (also called factory farms) is unacceptable and inhumane. They are treated like mere commodities, confined to spaces so small that they cannot move and denied basic necessities like fresh air and sunlight. Laying hens, for example, are confined in cramped, disease-ridden cages with barely any room to move or spread their wings, often forced to live for long periods alongside their cage-mates who have died. Chickens raised for meat in crowded barns are exposed to ammonia-filled litter, leading to ulcerated feet, feather loss, blisters, tumors, osteoporosis, and other debilitating health problems.

Factory farms are also inflicting significant harm on our environment and climate. [Research commissioned by World Animal Protection](#) last year found that factory-farmed chicken in the US, alone, produces greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to keeping 9.9 million cars on the road each year. This is largely the result of growing the grain and soy used for animal feed, which is associated with grassland conversion, biodiversity loss, and [heavy use of highly hazardous pesticides](#).

Confined animal feed operations exploit farmed animals, threaten wildlife and biodiversity, and put communities at risk from air and water pollutants. We cannot afford to stand idly by while animals endure unimaginable distress and our planet's resources are destroyed.

All animals have a right to live without pain and suffering, and to have access to habitats and environments where they can express their natural behaviors. The misery and suffering inflicted upon farmed animals in factory farms cannot be ignored.

Please help us build a future that protects animals, climate, and our health by passing SB 85.

Sincerely,

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