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I support SB 85

The reason why there is opposition to the proposed chicken CAFOs is primarily because of the proposed locations. One is very close to a community with a school and church and another location floods in the winter. This is not a contest between CAFOs and local farmers. The problem could be avoided by limiting CAFOs to 2 or 3 miles from communities and rivers.

Right now CAFOs are not subject to water regulation, they can use as much water as they like, to the detriment of residents on the same aquifer. This is a community effort to safeguard the water supply and air quality. To find muddy water in the tap and breathe ammonia is unacceptable.

It appears that proposed chicken CAFOs are taking advantage of the outdated and insufficient regulations in Oregon.