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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Debra Smith and I live in Milwaukie, Oregon.

I'm writing you today in strong support of a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. Factory farms bring immense suffering to animals. Intensive confinement and enduring extreme stress brings them great physiological and psychological trauma. In addition to this factory farms add to climate change by releasing harmful and dangerous greenhouse gas emissions such as methane and nitrous oxide. Another problem with factory farms is that they pollute and drain Oregon's water resources. The 11 Oregon mega dairies alone consume 8.2 million gallons of water a day. In this time of drought in many areas of Oregon we can not afford to misuse this precious resource.

We also need to consider the workers who help provide our food. Factory farms force them into unsafe working conditions where they can be subjected to hazardous chemicals and fumes.

Please give careful consideration to passing SB 85.

Thank you,
Debra Smith