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I am a retired Registered Nurse, a gardener and lover of the natural world, concerned about climate disruption and the health impacts on the people of Oregon. I used to travel regularly to provide training in assisted living facilities. Every time I went to Visalia, Calif. and drove from Fresno I passed mega dairies. It was awful! The one near Visalia made my eyes water and throat burn it was so bad. The assisted living residents couldn't go outdoors sometimes because it impaired their breathing.

Oregon must not become a state with mega-dairies and stock yards like that. Not only do they create air pollution, they also contaminate ground water and spoil the land. Small farmers are able to follow animal husbandry practices that are renewable, like grass feeding and grazing rotation. Don't drive out the small farmers that have provided milk for us for decades. Create rules and policies that support regenerative farming.

Thank you.