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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

As a lifelong resident of Central Oregon, I urge you to vote NO on SB 85. This bill will not only prevent adding feed lots to our system, it will quickly wean out the current feed lots, dairy facilities and poultry facilities. These facilities are desperately needed to continue to feed our country at an affordable cost. Without these types of facilities we will need to start importing large portions of our food sources which we have the ability to produce locally. Cattle ranching needs these facilities in order to efficiently produce beef for our needs as consumers. At the majority of ranches cattle do not live their entire life cycle on one property from birth to butcher. Due to the longevity it takes to get them to their butcher date it would take far too much space to keep all cattle start to finish. These facilities are essential for the feed out process in between. Without it our beef prices will skyrocket and our need to import beef from other states or countries that do not have our standards of care will increase. Bills like this are what drive ranchers and farmers to move to other states which drastically impacts the economy and food availability of Oregon. There is just as much evidence that cattle are not the problem to our current climate issues as there is evidence that says they are. Oregon has a very diverse culture, people from all walks of life live in Oregon. Cutting out ranchers and livestock growers ability to produce food due to the lack of knowledge and hard evidence that they cause any issue is naïve and drastic. Please vote NO on SB 85 and protect our food resources.