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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB85

Chair Golden and members of the Committee

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 85, which seeks to regulate the establishment of chicken factories in rural communities. As a resident of a rural community myself, I have become increasingly concerned about the proposed poultry factories in our area, and I believe that this bill is a necessary step towards protecting our environment and quality of life.

There are many reasons why I believe that chicken factories pose a significant threat to our community. First and foremost, these facilities generate a tremendous amount of pollution, including ammonia, dust, and manure, which can have serious health consequences for nearby residents. In addition, these factories consume vast amounts of water, which can strain local resources.

Furthermore, the proposed chicken factories in our community would likely have a significant impact on property values, as the presence of these facilities can deter potential buyers and lower home prices. This, in turn, could have a ripple effect on our local economy, as fewer people would be interested in moving to the area and supporting local businesses.

Overall, I believe that SB 85 is a common-sense solution to the problem of unregulated chicken factories in rural communities. By hitting the pause button, it will give our lawmakers enough time to ensure there are adequate protections in place to protect our rural communities and the people who live here.

Clear standards for these facilities and providing local residents with a greater voice in the decision-making process, this bill will help to ensure that our community remains a healthy, vibrant, and prosperous place to live for years to come.