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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB85

Hello representatives,,

I write this as I am opposed to this bill. The hard work of family farms is one that is rooted in tradition and heritage. These blue collar people work day in and day out to provide food for the mass population. As a student at Oregon State University in their Animal Science program, I have spent years studying the care and needs of animals with welfare always being a priority. Im also the granddaughter of a cattle farmer. The people who do this job do not do it for profits, they do it because they love the animals and the job. Confinement issues have always been rooted in human emotions, not facts. Today we see the exact same arguments from the supporting side. We on the opposition come prepared with stacks of documents that show that animal care and health is not altered, and in some ways animal health is improved in certain operations when housing is modified. The other argument of this bill is that it will help small farms, but this is false. Many operations are labeled as corporations because it helps them with tax and other business needs. Country natural beef is a large corporation, but is made up of small family farms. This bill has the ability to harm so many small operations, and as a result could take away their livelihood. Another question i have for the support is: are they ready to pay double the cost of meat to implement unrealistic needs to make them feel better about extra space? Less animals will go to market, which means less food available to the public, and based on supply to demand needs the price of the meat will be dramatic. All this does is hurt operations working hard to provide people good nutritious food, along with breaking the bank for the middle class who are already suffering due to the inflation on goods. I employ you to use reason and not emotion. Animals are not people. There are thousands of pages of research to determine welfare needs of each species. Lets rely on that instead of the emotions of those who do not know what truly goes down in animal agriculture.