

March 7, 2023

Chair Golden and Members of the Committee:

We are writing to express our deep concern about the impact of a poultry operation that moved into our community. As a resident who has lived next to a poultry CAFO, we have experienced first-hand the negative effects of these operations on our air quality and traffic.

The strong odor from the CAFO has been unbearable at times, and it has made it difficult to enjoy time outside in our backyard. The smell is often so strong that it permeates our home, making it uncomfortable for our family. In addition, the traffic associated with the CAFO has increased noise pollution and created a hazardous environment for drivers in the area. The rural road that we live on has heavily been degraded due to the increased heavy truck traffic. We are concerned that there are few regulations on CAFOs. Scotch broom and tansy grow abundantly without any effort to control them. These noxious weeds are bad for the environment and local livestock.

I strongly urge you to support a moratorium on new or expanding CAFOs until there is a comprehensive plan in place to address the negative impact of these operations on our communities. A moratorium would provide time for the development of meaningful regulations and standards that ensure the health and well-being of our communities are protected. It is essential that we take steps to address these issues before they become even more widespread and irreversible.

Please support SB 85-1

Thank you,
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