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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Good day

And thank you for hearing my testimony.

I am writing to you today in support of a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. We must halt the expansion of factory farming in our state and hopefully elsewhere. We need to have in place protections for our environment, animal welfare, family farms and our communities.

I am a water conservation professional and understand the impact of factory farms on our water systems as well as our environment. I also am a consumer of animal products and always make sure I know my source. I do not purchase from any factory farms. I do not support the treatment of the animals in these factories. I expect my food to be healthy and have been raised humanely.

Also the amount of waste from factory farms are detrimental to our environment, especially the soil, water air and surrounding communities.

Climate change is also a factor. These factory farms will contribute to that change. We cannot continue to deny this change and the contributors.

I also support local economies. I try to purchase from my neighbors and support my community. I avoid any corporate business as much as possible. I want to support my community and not allow my dollars to go out of my area.

I urge you to vote for SB85 in the 2023 Legislative Session to protect our small and midsized socially and ecologically responsible family farms in Oregon!!!!

Sincerely

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