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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Kristen Sartor and I live in Portland, Oregon.

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

Factory farms drain and pollute Oregon's water resources. Oregon's 11 mega dairies consume 8.2 million gallons of water a day. Alternatively, small family farms enhance rural economic stability and provide the basis for thriving and vibrant rural communities. Factory farms force workers into unsafe working conditions. Workers are often subjected to dangerous working conditions and exposed to hazardous chemicals, fumes, and particulate matter. Oregon has progressive, humane values. Yet farmed animals, especially in industrial-scale settings, still suffer immensely.

I urge you to vote for SB 85 in the 2023 Legislative Session to protect people, animals and the only planet we have.

Sincerely,
Kristen Sarto