

Submitter: Kristy Athens

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 Kristy Athens, and I am writing on behalf of Genuine Wallowa County LLC dba GWC Provisions in support of SB 85, which 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.

GWC Provisions is a "food hub" in NE Oregon, one of a growing network of for- and nonprofit organizations in the state that directly support Oregon's agriculture industry, specifically its small farms. Think of it as a cross between a farmers market and a grocery store. This sector relies on our family-scale farms across the state. Allowing factory farms in Oregon would threaten our environment, jeopardize our family-scale farms, and put our burgeoning food hub sector out of business.

I urge you to vote for SB 85 in the 2023 Legislative Session to protect Oregon's family-scale family farms and the fulfillment industry growing up around them.

Thank you,
Kristy Athens
Owner, Genuine Wallowa County LLC