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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Susan Nackoney, farmer, owner of Gentle Rain Farm, certified organic

Re: Support for SB 85- the factory farm moratorium bill

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

Today I write in support of SB 85, to halt the expansion of factory farming in our state. As an organic farmer and advocate for humane treatment of animals, I do not believe factory farming can ever be supportive of either of these goals.

Have you spent time with small-scale organic or ethical/ecological farms who raise animals? I believe these places need our support and care, as well as an economic environment where their contributions are sustainable. There are ways to raise animals that take care of the land and the plants and give people healthy meat to consume. Why are we not putting our energy into these types of operations, as a forward-thinking state?

On the other hand, factory farms are a bane to rural existence. The smell of them alone is enough to destroy the quality of life for their neighbors. The suffering of the animals in confinement is truly reprehensible. How can we continue on with thinking this is acceptable?

There are many brilliant points advocates of this bill are making. I choose to submit a simple testimony that I hope will speak to your heart. I hope you will listen to the words of wisdom, care and experience of the many farmers and advocates who would end factory farming expansion.

Thank you,  
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