

RE: Testimony SB-85 Oregon Legislature 2022 Date: 03-09-2023

We would like to make a comment about SB85. We support this proposal. We do not presently live in the immediate vicinity of current proposals for mega-chicken growing operations but have properties in areas potentially impacted.

Large-scale animal feeding operations should not be allowed without significant environmental reviews and public input regarding impacts to surrounding communities.

The proposal for the large chicken operation one-half mile from Jordan in Linn Co. is proof-positive that siting of such facilities should not be left to the discretion of property owners and corporations.

It is apparent that there can be no faith put in the parties to such proposals that they will do 'the right thing'. In this specific case, we observe that the parties making the proposal have *not* chosen to self-regulate. Rather, they have chosen to site a large-scale industrial operation at close proximity to a school and small community that is ill-equipped to deal with the impacts.

Elizabeth worked for a responsible long-established egg farm. That farm had main barns with around 500,000 chickens at about 3/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile from the office. It is inherent in such operation that intense smell from the manure would permeate the office when the wind blew from the direction of the barns. It could not be kept out of the office building. Under certain conditions at similar proximity, fecal particulate cannot be contained.

That chicken operation remains at a fair distance from residential development even after being in operation for nearly 100 years. The intense odor is an effective deterrent to residential development. Residents and students in Jordan don't have the luxury of choosing to avoid the area.

We subscribe to the theory that people who dislike noises and smells of farm activities, should not move to the country. But this is not one of those cases. These proposed operations are not 'farm' activities, but industrial in nature. These residents are not moving into an area already affected and wanting it to be changed. They are having this forced on them with no input whatsoever.

We have heard that this operation could house up to 4.5 million chickens. There is no doubt that when prevailing winds are from the north (not uncommon certain times of the year) the Jordan School, Church, and Community Hall will be permeated with putrid odors.

We are not against responsible siting of sensibly sized agricultural facilities. But existing proposals are going to have a devastating impact on nearby communities. This could include health impacts. At the very least, who can tolerate to spend time in buildings where intense odor cannot be controlled? A community that has thrived for nearly 150 years may be destroyed because there are no sensible rules in place.

Regardless of where you might live, would you want any industry to have carte-blanche to place a facility anywhere they please? Especially one with health or severe quality-of-life consequences. We ask you to support SB85

Sincerely

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