

**Testimony on SB 85**  
**Senate Committee on Natural Resources**

March 6th, 2023

Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

My name is Tiffany Monroe, and I am a multigenerational farmer from Lane County. I have been very blessed to have been raised and continue to work in agriculture. My father is a fifth-generation farmer in Lane County and County, and my mother was raised on a farm with livestock in Kenya. I am privileged to have two higher education degrees in agriculture. I have worked for a state department of agriculture and served as an agriculture and natural resources extension agent, supporting growth with procedures such as quality care and compliance, pasture management, and environmental stewardship.

However, despite my background, education, technical skills, and access, like many Oregon producers, I struggle to continue farming. Today my family raises cows and other crops. Although our animal operation is small, I am worried about how this bill will impact animal operations, other farm families like mine, and our local food system and food supply. All farms, no matter the size or operating philosophy, are interconnected and depend on each other to be viable.

As producers in Oregon's ag community, we struggle to keep up with new regulations, taxes, and labor requirements. Prohibiting new or renewed permits for our dairies, feedlots, poultry farms, and other operations will be extremely detrimental with compounding negative impacts.

I know firsthand that my family operations and ag community depend on supplying seed, feed, and processing to one another. Taking any operations, including CAFOs, out of the system will drive more family farms like mine out of business.

The supply chain for all agricultural products, especially beef, and chicken, is strained. I constantly hear Oregonians who want to support local, but SB 85 will reduce the local food supply and increase reliance on out-of-state and global production.

Picking a choosing type of operation can and cannot exist, especially without justification, is a dangerous line to walk. Our communities, especially on the coast and in Eastern Oregon, also depend on the infrastructure and economic foundation these operations support. Without them, communities will fall. Regardless of the operation, we don't want to see our neighboring farmers lose their business.

I humbly ask that you see and hear our producers and do not support SB 85.

Kindly,

Tiffany Monroe  
Farmer in Junction City