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CHAIR GOLDEN and MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE,

My name is Lucie Gouin. I am a full-time farmer in Scio.

I want to acknowledge all my colleagues in this hearing room today and last week. I know what they do for food production and the stewardship of the land in Oregon.

CAFOs absolutely have their place in Oregon. AND I support SB 85-1.  
How can I say both things?

SB 85 is not a ban on CAFOs. SB 85 says we put on hold BRAND NEW TIER 2 operations. There are few Tier 2's in Oregon. SB 85 doesn't concern existing Tier 2's, while other CAFOs still have room to expand.

We need the pause because, one mile from me, the Battlestar Galactica is landing on a bluff above Thomas Creek. It gets to take all the groundwater it wants, no questions asked, to hydrate 4.5 million chickens/year. Our watershed is already pretty dry in the summer. There will be nothing left after Battlestar Galactica plugs into the groundwater.

What of my farm's right to produce?

I have irrigation rights out of Thomas Creek. I can't grow crops when we're dry.

What of the hundreds of households who depend on the vegetables we supply?

Battlestar Galactica will emit particulate matter and ammonia. I think it's outrageous that the ship's admiralty gives no thought to the students two fields away.

In Scio, we **need** SB 85. Oregon has become very very attractive for farming to outside venture capital funds and food corporations. Many more of us here will soon face Galacticas.