

I am a resident of North Bend Oregon. I support SB 85 banning new or expanding factory farms (CAFOs) in Oregon. I do not need to add to the testimony the Senate Committee is receiving that documents the alarming environmental and social impacts that CAFOs create in Oregon. My focus is on regulations, the inadequacy of them, and the lack of effective enforcement.

To cite some examples, in 2017 regulators allowed the 30,000 cow Lost Valley Farm to open before its waste management plan was finished and approved and before it had secured permanent water rights. Regulators have fined WOF PNW Threemile Project in Boardman \$17,400 for failure to perform required *annual* emissions testing. A manure digester for 30,000 cows should have a little more than annual testing. An a \$17,400 fine? For WOF PNW, that's just the cost of doing business. It's less than the salary for one underpaid worker. And in 2021 they were fined \$19,500 for exceeding particulate emission limits. Again, just the cost of doing business. Failure-to-comply fines should be high enough to prevent violations.

The loophole in aquifer management regulations allowing "stock watering" needs to be closed to all but the smallest family farms. Using that loophole, Lost Valley Farm was pulling water from an aquifer that had been off limits to new wells for more than *four decades*. In 2020, Oregon lawmakers failed to pass a bill requiring new large dairies to get preliminary approval, including proof of an authorized water supply, before construction could begin.

I am sure the many people who have testified about the environmental side of this issue have cited similar examples of measures to protect people and land that have failed to pass. It's a business-friendly climate here in Oregon that is clearly attractive to corporate entities such as Foster Farms but it's not a climate that's friendly to the State of Oregon, its land, its water, its people.