

Submitter: Meg Whiteford

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Date: 4/14/23

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Meg Whiteford

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

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

My name is Meg Whiteford, and I live in Roseburg, Oregon.

I am writing to you today in support of a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. We must take action to halt the expansion of factory farming in our state until we have protections in place for the environment, animal welfare, family farms, and frontline communities.

Oregon is a place where small family farms enhance rural economic stability and provide the basis for thriving and vibrant rural communities. By allowing the increase of operations that fall under the size and scale of these large tier farm operations, this reality of our state's rural vibrancy will not be sustainable.

A healthy food system is integral to the wellbeing of our communities, our agriculture, and our state. Factory farms of this size do not hold themselves accountable to the necessary ecological and community-minded values that small farmers are generally restricted to or able to accommodate in their systems.

I urge you to vote for SB 85 in the 2023 Legislative Session to protect our small and midsized socially and ecologically responsible family farms in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Meg Whiteford

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