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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

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

I urge you to support the factory farm moratorium in Oregon. It is extremely important that you take action to halt the expansion of factory farming in our state. Over the last few decades we have all witnessed the disastrous environmental effects and negative health consequences of factory farming throughout this country.

As an Oregonian in Lane County, I am very concerned about retaining access to high-quality food sourced directly from small farmers, as well as preserving our rights to clean water and air. In fact, one of the main reasons my husband and I moved to Oregon years ago was the abundance of small, ecologically responsible family farms and the availability of organic produce, grains and meat. We buy most of our food from farmer's markets, CSAs, local co-ops and farmers we know and trust. This is the same for most of our neighbors and friends. It is clear to us that Oregonians want community-based agriculture that delivers safe food to all Oregonians.

I do not trust that regulations or protections will be adequate to reign in the large agribusiness interests that have consistently put profits over the health of people and the environment and that continually find ways to put small and mid-sized farmers out of business. Therefore, the most reasonable course is to simply refuse to allow any more of this economic, environmental and health damage via a moratorium.

Please vote for SB 85 in the 2023 Legislative Session. We are counting on you to do what's right for the families, farmers and communities in Oregon.

Sincerely,  
Ann Mahoney