Hello Committee

I am a Portland resident writing to you today in support of a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. Factory farms are not healthy for communities, they mistreat animals, they destroy local businesses and harm the environment.

I dream of Oregon being a place where local communities can flourish. Small family farms are a part of that. The people live here, they participate in our economy, they have an interest in making sure Oregon is a clean and pleasant place to live now and in the future.

Factory farms are notorious for their inhumane treatment of the animals and predatory practice with local farmers. What do they provide the community other than mostly low wage and dangerous jobs? Where do the people who own the factory farms live? Where do they spend their profits? What interest do they have in making sure workers are treated fairly or that water and air pollution is kept in check?

Fewer factory farms leaves space for our community members to grow business and can lead to a more self reliant state.

I hope you vote for SB 85 in the 2023 Legislative Session to protect our family farms in Oregon.

Thank you, KeKo