

Submitter: Dana Schultz

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

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

My name is Dana Schultz, and I live in on a small farm in unincorporated Salem.

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.

Our food system is making both Oregon and our beautiful environment ill. We need to prioritize small farms and local food systems to provide Oregonians real food that doesn't hurt the planet. Factory farms are some of the worst elements of our food system and not only put our beloved small farms at risk, but they create toxic environmental concerns, brutalize animals, and create unsafe and degrading jobs for vulnerable Oregonians, most who are people of color. We can do better, stop factory farming to get us on track for a healthy and respectful local food system.

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,

Dana Schultz

Local food system advocate