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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

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My wife and I moved to Jefferson, Or in 1972. We started with 78 cows We now have a partnership with 2 sons and 2 grandsons that will be joining in owner ship.

We have expanded and have 2 dairies , 1 milking 500 cows (the home dairy) and one that just started milking this past September that is milking 1200 cows. We all work full days

and by saying that, the point is that we are a family farm. My wife and I have put 51 years into this dairy so our sons and grandson can have a future.

I ways a city boy and became friends with dairy boys in the 1950's. I enjoy working with cows and stayed with it for over 60 years. My sons and grandsons feel the same way

and look forward to many more years of doing so. In order to have good milk production , one must take good care of their animals. We resent the idea that because we are a large operation we are only in it for the money. I am now 81 and have Sundays off but our sons still work 7 days a week. We have a total of 17 employees with the most having a \$60,000.00 plus annual income. We have good working relationships with our neighbors. The manure from both dairies is applied to their fields and also to ours. So by working together we also buy feed (silage) from them.

We are under tight rules through our C.A.F.O. permit. We are also inspected buy the Oregon Depart of Ag in regards to our permit.

My point in writing this Testimony is that I feel we are being unjustly attacked claiming that we abuse cattle, employees and the environment which is a gross misrepresentation of not only our farms but the dairy industry as a whole. We ask you to OPPOSE SB 85. We are already very adequately regulated by both federal law and Oregon Law which Oregon does a very good job of administering.

Thank you for hearing us out and taking our testimony!

Hesse And Sons Dairy L.L.C.

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And 17 employees