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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod:

First, I want to thank you for providing opportunities for testimony on SB 85-1 both oral and written on 3/6 and 3/13. Senator Golden, you were skillful and thoughtful as you made certain all who were available were heard. I was one of 82 people who signed up for oral testimony on 3/13. Even though some, like myself, had technical difficulties, you made certain to circle back to us 2 or even 3 times to give us a chance to speak, This was greatly appreciated.

My name is Babs Vanelli. I am a 75 year old life long Oregon resident residing in Portland the entire time.

I spoke on 3/13 and am now writing to implore you to vote YES on SB 85-1 which places a moratorium

on Factory Farms. I volunteer with 3 non-profits focused on Environmental Justice and Climate Change.

The members of these groups span 5 generations. In this document, I am speaking only for myself.

I remember when Oregon was a "Shining Light" in the environmental movement under the leadership of Governor Tom McCall in the early 70's. I want our State to be a "Shining Light" again but that is not possible as long as Factory Farms pollute our air and water.

Factory Farms release methane gas and nitrous oxide which pollute the air we breathe.

Excess Manure used by Factory Farms causes runoff that infiltrates our waterways and pollutes the water we drink.

I watched your committee's sessions on 3/6 and 3/13.

I was touched by the testimony of farmers in our rural areas who are impacted by Factory Farms near their communities and fearful of the harmful effects on their families.

They spoke passionately in support of SB 85-1. Several children also testified concerned about their future.

As you consider your vote, I ask you to pause for a moment and consider your legacy.

That is the legacy you want to pass on to your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

I know in my heart and soul that they will be so proud when they learn your actions allowed them to have clean air to breathe and safe water to drink.

Finally, I want the “Shining Light” Governor McCall lead us with all those years ago to illuminate our path for decades to come. Please allow Oregon to become that Beacon once again.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

Babs Vanelli