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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,

My name is Tarun Bishop, and I live in Portland, OR. I strongly support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I am writing as a volunteer with Food & Water Watch, and an animal law and environmental law student at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Factory farms contribute immensely to a host of environmental disasters, including air pollution, water contamination, species extinction, land use, water use, and other resource use. Low-income communities of color are disproportionately affected by the pollution and contamination from CAFOs, and the crops used to feed livestock could be used far more efficiently if it were used to feed humans directly. Farmworkers are also treated in extremely exploitative manners. Finally, factory farming is one of the largest animal welfare issues; birth, life on factory farms, and death are all agony for farmed animals.

I urge you to vote for SB85 in the 2023 legislative session to protect our climate, environment, rural communities, and family farms.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Tarun Bishop