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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB85

Chair Golden and members of the committee:

Hello, my name is Karissa Bristow and live in Lyons, Oregon. I fully support SB 85-1. My community needs these agricultural studies to be done, and a the pause button to be hit for Foster Farms coming into our area. We have a real problem with large poultry factories moving into our area with little oversight. This multi-billion dollar company has chosen Oregon to expand operations because of watering loopholes and other loose/non-existent requirements.

We have a real problem with Foster Farms being allow to take as much water as they want from our aquifer – we need an impact study done. Their locations are going next to precious salmon habitat, next to households, and next to a school – we need to investigate the impact. The ammonia pollution they produce has not been carefully studied. We need this memorandum to catch up to science. The opposition won't talk about these real issues, and from what I can tell they don't want these studies done because they know the potential findings might cause new regulations.

Our community and the future of Oregon needs SB 85-1 to pass. We need clean water and air! Thank you for your time.