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On Behalf Of: all our children
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
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My name is Julie Rawland and I fervently urge you to support a FULL FACTORY FARM 5 year moratorium. I live in Beaverton OR and I own a raw quarter of agricultural land. I care about how we steward our land.

First of all, thank you to Senator Golden for working on this bill.

- The moratorium must be for 5 years. This will allow or legislators the time to really understand and fix the problems with the law.
- The moratorium must include all CAFOs. Tyson cannot be allowed to begin construction until we have fully clarified what is just and safe for our communities.

Let's be clear about the trajectory of allowing CAFOs and large farming operations.

- A few years ago Lost Valley Farm (a mega-dairy) was shut down. Now the people who relied on them are out of work., their land has been depleted, their water contaminated.
- Similar stories have been heard. Over. And Over. They promise much. And deliver far too little.
- Now, Foster Farms wants to build a large farm near Scio. Let's backtrack a bit. Foster Farms was purchased by Atlas Equity. Atlas hired Donnie Smith, former CEO of Tyson Foods, to be the new CEO of the Foster Farms operation. Tyson is the same company that shut down operations in Virginia and Arkansas, only to open another factory in a new location. Do we expect anything different to happen in Oregon? They come in. They use what they need. Then they leave the people of the community holding the trash.

And let's be clear. This is not about chickens. It is about LARGE FARMING operations. So don't be derailed by taking cows out of the mix.

When are we going to stop prioritizing profits for the wealthy, while leaving our citizens with health issues, contaminated environment, and ultimately economic insecurity. When is it about "We the People?"

Reinstate the FULL 5 Year Moratorium. It is the only responsible thing to do for our children and our earth.