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Submission from Christine Haynie
Regarding SB85-1

I support SB85-1. The full 5 year moratorium allows adequate time to study all components of the bill. I am especially concerned that removing all animals except chickens may be up for discussion. This bill is really about large animals. We all know that cattle emit significant amounts of methane, a very potent green house gas. The bill with all its goals and focus on root causes that make climate change worse would be worthless if large animals were excluded. Many critics of the bill use a broad brush to to assert that family farms would go out of business without CAFO's, when in fact this bill pertains to large operations. The recent UN report on climate change should be a wake up call to everyone in Oregon. Lets support the notion that Oregon can be a model on how other states address this looming crisis, no longer looming, but at our doorsteps. By addressing the risks of maintaining and increasing CAFO's--unsustainable agricultural practices, social justice issues, environmental degradation, animal welfare concerns and increasing the amounts of green house gases released in the air--we will be taking a big step toward avoiding the worst scenarios that climate chaos will bring.