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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,

I'm writing to express my continued support of a factory farm moratorium in Portland. More specifically, I support the -1 amendment to SB 85 and oppose the -3 amendment.

Factory farms hurt more than just chickens. We need a moratorium that would stop the spread of mega-dairies in our state, which are not only cruel, but also have an awful environmental track record. These farms use 8 million gallons of water per day, produce insane amounts of methane, and have been linked to multiple groundwater contamination issues in Oregon.

Environment and human health aside, there's no sensible economic reason to continue to allow these businesses to spread across our state. Milk and dairy product consumption has been declining sharply, particularly as more environmentally sustainable options hit the market.

We are blessed to live in a beautiful state and we count on lawmakers to help preserve its natural and environmental integrity. Thank you.