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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing due to my concern about factory farming in Oregon. Pollution of our air, water, and soil by herding thousands of animals together is not tenable.

We MUST not destroy our natural resources so that a few companies can make big profits. Water shortages are predicted to continue; it is not feasible to farm in a way that does not restrict water usage and that actually pollutes our water sources.

It is important to choose option 1 so that the legislature will have time to finalize rules regarding these businesses. Option 3 would allow Foster Farms to complete a facility housing 350,000 chickens in less than 2 years. That's a lot of chicken shit in one place. That is the destruction of the neighbors' property values and their enjoyment of a quiet life style.

Not only do these big projects devalue the surrounding property, they create traffic problems and infuriate the communities where they are located. Don't let a California company come in and wreak havoc on Oregonians. Oregon is following an environmentally conscious path for the future of our state and country. We need regenerative farming practices, not the destructive practices of factory farms.

Let's use our farmland for the common good!