



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Testimony in Support of SB 85**

March 22, 2023

Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod, Members of the Committee.

My name is Khanh Pham, Representative for House District 46, and I'm here to testify in Support of SB 85 and the -1 amendment. I've heard from an overwhelming number of my constituents that the expansion of factory farms threatens both the livelihoods of our smaller farmers and the health and safety of Oregon's frontline communities. Mega-dairy factory farms play an outsized role in the climate and water crisis we are facing, and have unacceptably dangerous health ramifications on our communities.

And as we know, these impacts are not equally distributed. The downstream effects of factory farms disproportionately impact Black, Brown and Indigenous communities, including Latino communities nearest the state's biggest mega-dairy factory farms in Morrow and Union counties, who are harmed by contaminated well water and poisoned air.

We currently have serious gaps in our regulations that need to be addressed and I believe that a 2-year moratorium would be insufficient; insufficient even to protect Oregon's communities from just chicken CAFOs. Today, I am asking you to prioritize the health and livelihoods of the very communities upon which Oregon's economy survives. I urge you to support SB 85 with the-1 amendment, to greater protect the public health of our communities, and to reject the -3 amendment that would critically weaken this bill. Thank you.