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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

ONRI opposes SB 85 for several reasons.

- 1) The CAFO program is a federal and state regulatory program that protects groundwater nationwide. There is no reason to suspend any permitting.
- 2) There's no evidence from Oregon Department of Agriculture that any of Oregon's operations are causing environmental issues or "adverse impacts."
- 3) Oregon has regulatory tools to protect water quality and quantity and they are working.
- 4) Animal Activists and advocates to this horrible bill seeking to restrict animal agriculture without any scientific or environmental basis are unlikely to stop at poultry farms. We've witnessed this on other industries.
- 5) This bill and advocacy for this bill poses a risk to our producers and our local supply chains.
- 6) SB 85 threatens to drive up already sky-high food prices, increase carbon emissions, and force an over reliance on out-of-state food suppliers.

ONRI does not support SB 85, it's not necessary and predictably causes harm to Oregon's food supply as well as dependence on government and other producing states. Oregon's restrictive government overreach makes it more difficult to be independent and self-sufficient.

Sincerely and with grave concern,
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