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I am a public relations practitioner for 20 years. I have worked in the areas of energy, sustainability and have a masters degree in communications. I support the pause on SB 85. I am a concerned about the issue of large corporate farms putting small family farms out of business, the incredible damaging pollution and GHGs that will be released through the methane AND even more importantly, the large corporate bad actors bringing their sneaky and deceptive business practices to Oregon. Three Mile Farms is one of these bad actors. They are owned by R.D. Offutt Co., a terrible corporate organization that uses cleverly crafted rhetoric to hide the fact that they are large polluters and expellers of massive amounts of methane in all of the areas they do business. If you conduct a Google search on this company you will see how many lawsuits and legal cases involve this company, everything from pollution to employee abuse, etc. They try to minimize these issues through clever uses of language and marketing on their various websites, but as a 20-year practitioner, I see right through it.

During the COVID shutdown, these large corporate farms illegally forced people to work and did not provide proper protections for them. They complained and fought government regulations. We do not need these bad actors taking up space in our beautiful state.

I support the study and the moratorium and ask that you do NOT water it down, that it includes these mega-dairies, too. Cow methane is highly toxic and no amount of bio digestion will make up for the amount of pollution they create.

Thank you.
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