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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

I strongly urge your opposition of SB 85. The Oregon Department of Agriculture has extensive rules governing confined animal operations. I oppose a moratorium on livestock operation CAFO's. The CAFO rules at the State and Federal level were designed to protect ground water nationwide. Therefore, there is no reason to suspend permitting. It seems like the natural resource industry is being targeted by a sector of Oregon that still wants safe, cheap food and shelter but also wants to put the natural resource industry out of business and/or control what we raise and do on our property. Be thankful there is still food at the grocery store and a variety to chose from. The media has talked extensively about the lack of eggs in the stores and the increased costs. What do you think this bill will do to that industry? Please oppose SB 85 and allow the Department of Agriculture and actual farmers & ranchers to continue to work cooperatively together as they understand the issues based on science not false narrative.