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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

I am writing today to oppose SB85, particularly as it pertains to suspension of approvals regarding confined animal feeding operations while the study is being completed. This effectively penalizes farmers who have complied with Oregon's already rigorous standards and need to extend their facilities to meet increasing demands as Oregon's population continues to increase before the study which would indicate what, if any, changes in those standards are required is completed. As a side effect, it will also increase Oregon's carbon footprint for those food items by requiring the affected food items to be transported from farther away (even though the feed operation is located in another place, Oregonians who purchase those food items are still responsible for that carbon footprint as well), negatively impacting climate change. And, it puts additional pressure on the affordability of living in Oregon by raising food prices, which can only serve to aggravate the existing houselessness and poverty issues this state is facing.