

My name is Rebecca Orf, and I live in Ashland. I previously testified and submitted testimony in favor of the -1 amendment to SB 85. I reiterate my support of the -1 amendment and am opposed to the -3 amendment.

The same concerns that I voiced previously apply to all animal CAFOs, not just poultry—concerns for air quality, water quality, subsurface ground pollution, depletion of ground water, runoff into streams and rivers that causes algae blooms, and concern about the lack of independent and unannounced inspections. Please remember that the representative from the Oregon Department of Agricultural testified at the study session that compliance with current regulations is primarily dependent on reports submitted by the farm operations themselves.

Additionally, shortening the timeline for the study of the effects of CAFOs does not give adequate time to fully study their effects and for the legislature and regulatory agencies to consider findings and enact recommendations.

Some of the previous testimony emphasized the need for animal farmers to increase production in order to feed people in the future. Frankly, relying on the consumption of animals and animal products to feed future populations is not realistic. It is the least efficient means of feeding people and will not be sustainable in the future. Utilizing agricultural land for CAFOs--and for growing crops to feed animals for human consumption-- renders agricultural land unavailable for growing crops such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, and legumes for people to

eat. Many more people are able to survive on a plant-based diet than one reliant on animal products. We must face the realities of the need to feed future populations and generations by decreasing our reliance on animals and animal products as a food source.

Please support the -1 amendment to SB 85 and preserve Oregon's natural resources.