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As a doctor, public health advocate and mother, I support SB 85-1! If the amended SB 85-2 moves forward it will do nothing to address mega-dairy farms like Lost Valley Farm which racked up over 200 environmental violations in its first year of operating before being finally shut down by regulators, or the proposed Easterday Farms mega-dairy, which is violating groundwater pollution limits even with no animals yet on site. Leaving mega-dairies out of this bill is unacceptable. Mega-dairies pose a real risk to the health and safety of our communities and the environment. Chickens are only part of the problem: by removing mega-dairies, the bill as amended sacrifices predominantly low-income communities and communities of color in eastern Oregon that are already struggling with nitrate-laden drinking water from mega-dairies and industrial food processing. Cattle and Mega-dairies are a huge part of the problem: Each year livestock emits 7.1 Gigatonnes of Co2-equiv per year, which is 14.5% of all anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions globally. Cattle make up 9% of total livestock emissions globally. In Oregon, agriculture is a leading source of methane emissions. There is widespread support for a full factory farm moratorium as proposed in SB 85-1 as 600 people submitted testimony in support of this bill. Thank you.