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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Respective Chairs, Vice Chairs & Senators,

I am writing this testimony in strong support of SB85-1 and in strong opposition to SB85-3.

I have testified twice for SB85-1 in person at the capital after travelling from Portland at 6 am in the morning. I am extremely grateful to be given the chance to testify. SB85-1 imposes a moratorium on the creation of NEW Tier 2 Large Cafos both Dairy and Poultry for 8 years until scientifically sound and deliberated reports are published to study the environmental impacts. Under SB85-1 currently existing Tier 2 Large Cafos and all smaller Cafos will be allowed to operate and get the licenses.

What SB85-1 essentially asks for is to not build NEW Large Tier 2 Cafos, until we can study their scientific effect on the environment and all of us properly.

Why can't we at least take caution before we build something new? This is the precautionary principle, and this principle is being debated across the world and not just the US.

We are facing an ends of time environmental crisis, 69 percent of biodiversity loss in the last 50 years has been reported, there have 25 floods in the US alone since 2018, 33/36 states in Nigeria are flooded, last year 1/3rd of Pakistan was flooded and Kenya has been facing a drought since the last 5 years. There are countless more examples. The cascadia earthquake which is predicted to be 7.7 on the Richter scale (The Turkey earthquake was also a 7.7) is impending in the Northwest, right in our homes.

This is the consensus across the world in all countries. We can assume that there must be some truth if the entire planet is advocating for mending our ways on the precautionary principles.

Respected Committee members, Why cant we do the same?

It is okay if we don't want to follow through with the planet's need but then we must look at past precedent of environmental debacles related to CAFOS in OR.

Morrow county nitrate levels and Lost Valley Farm are two recent examples. There are countless more examples.

Respected Committee members, How many more examples do we need?

Are our lives only worth rushed one study? I thought they mattered a little more.

#We are worth more than one rushed one study

#Our Children are worth more than one rushed one study

#Respective Committee members, you are all worth more than one rushed study

#We are all worth more than one rushed one study

I strongly urge you to support SB85-1 In the true interests of science and for keeping Oregonians safe.

Thank you.