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Hello, I am concerned citizen of Central Oregon. I am a mental health professional, a small business owner, a mother of a young child and an avid environment and regenerative agriculture supporter. I support amendment -1 to this legislation because there is no place for corporate agriculture in our food systems. Corporate agriculture cares only for the bottom line and gives nothing but toxic food grown with toxic pesticides to our community that destroy our local ecosystems. We need to support and bring back small to midsized farms in this state that invest in the health of local economy, community and ecosystems. Local farms can continue to feed families when pandemics reveal the fragility of Nationalized food systems. Local farms care about the land they are growing on and more and more are farming in ways that bring greater resiliency and sustainability to soils and ecosystems as well as yield more food for local communities (without pesticides stripping soil of nutrients). Chronic inflammatory and autoimmune disease are on a shocking skyrocketing trajectory in this country due to food that is grown in a way that is literally killing us and planet - this is corporate agriculture. Please help out a stop to it. I urge you to support 85-1 in moving forward. Thank you.