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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon

Dear Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

We own a cow/calf cattle ranch located in Grant County in Eastern Oregon. Our family has been ranching in Grant County for sixty-six years. We currently hold a medium sized, 900 head, CAFO permit. This permit allows us to background our calves for approximately 90 days prior to selling them. Backgrounding our calves is an integral and important part of our business. We are very concerned about the impact SB 85 will have on our agricultural business.

As a cattle ranch involved in production agriculture, our CAFO permit is essential to our operation. Our business as well as other cattle ranches in Eastern Oregon are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their operations for future generations. We are very concerned that SB 85 will make it very difficult or impossible to update our existing facilities with upgrades needed for long term sustainability.

The bill has the possibility of driving up already sky-high food prices and force an over reliance on out-of-state food prices.

As part of the agricultural industry in Oregon we are increasingly disappointed in the State of Oregon. It appears to us that while Oregon voices support of agriculture in our state, they continually sabotage the agriculture industry with legislation such as the Ag Overtime bill, increasing fees on OR Dept. Forestry fire patrol assessments, and now with SB 85.

Sincerely,
Ken & Pat Holliday
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