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To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Dr. Adriana Voss-Andreae

Re: Support for SB 85-1, CAFO moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Adriana Voss-Andreae; I am an Oregonian living in SD-21.

I would like to express my strong support for SB 85-1 and to express my equally strong opposition to amendment SB 85-3 that would critically weaken this bill.

Second, it exempts the largest cow CAFOs, which if anything, are the *most* damaging:

- They produce the most methane, an extremely potent greenhouse gas.
- They have the most extreme water use in parts of Oregon that are facing increasingly severe droughts.
- They are one of the biggest polluters of our state's waterways and aquifers, resulting in cancer-causing drinking water and biodiversity loss.
- They create breeding grounds for antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
- They produce toxic air quality that harms the health of nearby communities.
- They cause unfathomable suffering to the cows at these industrial facilities.

Additionally, the -3 amendment would drastically shorten the moratorium, which, given our regulatory system, is clearly *not* enough time to put in place the strong protections needed.

Simply put, -3 makes absolutely *no* sense from a policy standpoint, not even for those it's purporting to protect (from chicken CAFOs).

Why, when Oregonians have shown up time and again to overwhelmingly support a moratorium sufficient to allow for proper protection from this harmful industry, should we now be faced with a backroom bait-and-switch deal to choose between a weakened bill (with -3) or potentially nothing at all? **If you prioritize the health and livelihoods of all of Oregon's communities above the profit and political power of a few, then supporting SB 85-1 is the only clear choice.**

Thank you,

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