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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

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Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod, and members of the Committee,

I would like to see SB 85 passed with the -1 amendment. The -3 amendment does not go far enough to protect our communities and the environment from industrial agriculture. While I believe that the moratorium should cover all CAFOs, I would support a new amendment as requested in the testimony submitted by Williamette Riverkeeper. This new amendment would need to have the following components:

1. The moratorium needs to last at least four years.

Two years is not enough time for the state agencies and OSU to do the research, and then for the legislature to use the research to pass laws that will protect our communities and the environment from the negative impacts of CAFOs. The results of the research should be reported to the legislature at least twice.

2. The moratorium should include both Tier 1 and Tier 2 poultry CAFOs.

Tier 1 and Tier 2 poultry CAFOs both create significant issues of air pollution, groundwater pollution, surface water pollution, water usage, and manure disposal.

I request that the Senate Committee on Natural Resources either pass SB 85 -1 or update SB 85 to make the moratorium last at least four years and include both Tier 1 and Tier 2 poultry CAFOs.

Respectfully submitted,

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