

For the record my name is Art Poulos. I am a full time farmer in Scio, Oregon.

I support SB 85-1.

This is not the first time I am giving public testimony on this topic.

After two years of trying to convince the chicken operators, the chicken council, the ODA, the DEQ and the legislature that siting some of the largest chicken operations in the nation next to a school, community center, church, and on the banks of the North Santiam and Thomas Creek is not a good idea, we are called upon once again to give public testimony.

I wonder if the watered down dash 3 amendment should finally convince us our voices and concerns are truly irrelevant?

I wonder if the Oregon Farm Bureau and their 20 lobbyists should have a louder voice than the 1000's of folk who over the last 2 years have wasted their time giving public testimony at every step of the way?

I wonder if this process is completely flawed?

But most of all I wonder whether you will be the folk handing out bottled water to Oregonians whose wells have been irreversibly contaminated with nitrates, whether you will be the folk to explain why there is a die off of fish in the North Santiam, whether you will be the folk to look after our kids when they are sick and whether you will be the folk to turn off the lights at Lourdes Public Charter School when it closes after 125 years of educating our community.

With extremely large operations come extremely large risks. We expect you to support SB85 dash 1 to halt permitting of new tier 2's while the ODA, DEQ and you the legislature get your house in order.