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I am fully supporting SB 85-1. This bill bans factory farms in the state of Oregon. I am 100% for this bill because factory farms have many issues related to them. First, many of the diseases (such as the latest bird flu that has caused egg prices to soar) happen on large factory farms. On these type of farms animals are housed closely together, when one is sick, many get sick and they need to all be put down. This causes stress for food supply. If there were more small farms and one small farm had sick animals, all the other farms would not need to put their animals down, too. Factory farms also pollute water and air. Neighbors often complain that water sources are polluted and the air quality goes down when large factory farms are allowed to be built. We must protect the wonderful water that we have in Oregon. Large factory farms also produce a lot of waste that then makes methane and affects the CO2 levels. Smaller farms that are managed in a more natural way with rotation, working that waste into the soil, and using it to produce better plants, don't have the large amounts of methane and CO2 issues. Thirdly, Oregon doesn't have regulations in place to monitor for pollution, for land violations, for animal protections on these large factory farms. Oregon is an amazing state. I've seen so much growth in small farms and farmer's markets providing food to local communities. Let's continue to be a leader in the protection of small farms! Let's support small farms, not massive industry that raises food laced with hormones and other chemicals! Support the moratorium on factory farms in Oregon. As a starting small farmer myself in Coos County, I look forward to helping feed my community with natural, healthy, chemical free food. I love the eggs I get from my neighbor whose chickens run in her yard. Life is good when food is raised on small farms naturally, not in factories.