

Submitter: Amber Lippert

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Amber Lippert

Re: Support for SB85-1, the factory farm moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Amber Lippert and I live in north Eugene just outside of Coburg. I support a strong factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I support the -1 amendment to SB 85 and oppose the -3 amendment.

It is clear that the harms factory farms inflict on Oregon are not just a chicken issue. We need a strong moratorium bill that would halt the spread of mega-dairies in eastern Oregon and protect environmental justice communities nearby, which are already struggling with heavily contaminated drinking water and other pollution. Oregon's 11 mega-dairy facilities produce over 17 million kilograms of methane every year — the same as the emissions from 318,000 passenger vehicles. Oregon's 11 mega-dairies use over 8 million gallons of water a day just for washing cows and for drinking water — the equivalent of a small city.

Leaving mega-dairies out of the bill is an appalling environmental injustice at a time when impacted communities in eastern Oregon need urgent help. Oregon needs a time-out on factory farms, and that must be a full factory farm moratorium as proposed in SB 85-1.

Please support SB 85-1.

Sincerely,

Amber Lippert

Owner of Camas Swale Farm, Inc, citizen, mom