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On Behalf
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Resources

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I support SB-1 and oppose amendment 3.

We need at least 8 years to study this complex problem to ensure we protect our air and water. Factory farms can result in excessive pollutants that will degrade our water and air quality that are critical for our and the planets health. These studies should also include whether we need additional meats to feed our growing population instead of focusing on providing more plant rich diets which can provide our growing food demands with healthy foods .

Our world is changing quickly-Population is increasing; Resources are being depleted; so we need to step up and grasp the opportunities to produce more efficient plant rich diets. Throughout history, humans have always needed to be adaptable for changes.

I support SB85-1 as is without additional amendments in restricting factory farms until more studies can be done to ensure NO environmental problems caused (pollution to waterways, and air. Depleting our limited groundwater) and causing excessive land use to produce crops for these factory farm animals and space for the farms themselves.

Let's encourage small local farms which can handle the smaller quantities of generated pollutants and keep the jobs and money in the community instead of supporting national companies.

Thanks for your consideration in supporting SB85-1 as is without additional amendments to help us tackle many of our environmental problems.

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