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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: SB85

In support of SB-85-4

Thank you chair Lieber, and members of the committee, for the opportunity to submit public comment in support of SB 85 -4. My name is Nina Brenner. I am a NRCS easement owner in the community being threatened by massive Foster Farms chicken operations.

The -4 amendment is a reasonable start in improving the existing regulations and closing the loopholes in Oregon's CAFO regulations that have become evident through this process. I appreciate the significant work of Senator Dembrow and Golden to listen to the concerns of community members and work with us to find a solution. While not perfect, the -4 amendment is a step in the right direction to protect Oregon communities and natural areas from the negative impact of industrial farms such as the poultry operations seeking to site next to our homes, schools, churches, rivers and creeks. Future legislative committees can address the need to create new zoning for industrial agriculture in areas more appropriate.

I urge you to support the -4 amendment as it is a compromise that will balance protecting rural communities and Oregon land and water, while not being burdensome to small and mid-sized family farms and ranchers. Please vote yes on -4 and pass it out of committee. Thank you.