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Senator Kate Lieber  
900 Court St. NE, S-223  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SB85-4 Factory Farm Moratorium

Dear Senator Lieber,

I am writing today to ask you to support SB85-4 to place a moratorium and limitations on factory farms in our state. There have recently been proposals for several installations of large scale chicken factory farms in the Willamette Valley. Although SB85-4 is not ideal it is a good first step to tighten up the language of existing regulation and closing loopholes in Oregon CAFO statutes that threaten the health and well-being of our rural residents.

Other amendments are being considered to this bill. I want the bill to make the moratorium on CAFOs be at least 5 years. This will allow the legislature to address pollution issues from these facilities.

These large scale facilities will bring ammonia fumes that will add air pollution to our valley which already has seasonal problems from the temperature inversions. They will also bring water pollution to our area from the leachate from the waste from these facilities. They will be a major eye-sore in the Willamette Valley.

I have lived in South Salem for over twenty years and enjoy riding the rural and agricultural areas around us. We enjoy Roaring Brook Park near Scio. We have seen the signs go up from the farmers and residents in the area opposing these factory farms and support their concerns. As a member of your district I ask you to support SB85-4 and place a moratorium on building these facilities until we can address the pollution concerns from this type of large scale facilities.

Thank you for listening to my concerns,

Dave McKenna