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Measure: SB85

I oppose SB85. Oregon has very strict CAFO rules, and they should be strict. The hysteria about CAFO permit holders, and the issuance of any new CAFO permits is NIMBYISM in it's purest form. Any new 'factory farm' is unwelcome, because the neighbors hate change. The neighbors are fabricating all kinds of environmental issues to thwart progress. I get it, nobody wants to see their quiet neighborhood altered in any way.

There is all kind of seemingly negative change going on in my backyard in Woodburn. I am a third generation farm, that is watching houses take out farm ground very close to me. This is the price we all pay for progress. Is it better to keep farmland productive as a CAFO? Or would the CAFO-haters like to have a three-story apartment building, along with some single-family sprawl be next door instead?

I can't take on the neighbors that don't want a chicken farm near them. I can ask you in the legislature to have reason, and not destroy Oregon food industry by passing SB85.

Thank you for considering my views.