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Dear Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp and members of the Senate Committee on Rules

I am writing in support of factory farm reform in Oregon. My preference would have been SB 85-1, but I want to voice my support for SB 85-4 as a start to addressing some of the most immediate impacts of the influx of factory farms in our state.

As we see what has happened in Morrow and Umatilla Counties, it is obvious that we must take action to halt the expansion of factory farming in our state until we have protections in place for the environment, animal welfare, family farms, and front-line communities. Therefore, we must keep working on the current proposal to make sure it doesn't put a new burden on small farmers for the sake of allowing large CAFOs to produce more waste than they can handle.

Please continue to work with Friends of Family Farmers and their coalition members to craft strong regulations for the largest CAFOs in this legislative session to protect our water, air, and food as well as our small and mid-sized socially and ecologically responsible family farms in Oregon.