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On Behalf Of:
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Topic:

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire.

Thank you for scheduling SB 80 for a public hearing and a possible work session. I strongly support this bill. We cannot count on federal agencies like the EPA to defend the Clean Water Act during this time of political upheaval in Washington, DC so we need to strengthen our own regulations here in Oregon.

Having grown up in Ohio and lived on one of the effected rivers, I can assure you that CAFO owners are not good neighbors. They violated regulations, used delaying tactics in court, and declared bankruptcy once delaying tactics came to conclusion with large fines levied and due. The operations were then bought by friends or relatives and the whole cycle of violation and dodging of accountability would begin again.

It is far easier to stop a factory farm before it begins. Our ground water and waterways are already suffering damage from the CAFOs currently in operation. Please don't let the problem worsen by permitting more CAFOs to be established here in Oregon.

Move SB 80 out of committee and on to passage in the state legislature.

Respectfully,
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