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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB80

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to please support SB 80.

This bill will help protect Oregonians from the negative effects of factory farming. Large scale factory farms east of the Gorge in the Lower Umatilla Basin emit harmful air pollutants which contribute to hazy air quality that we experience in the Gorge.

SB 80 would address this by stopping new or expanded confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) in Oregon's Groundwater Management Areas until contamination is brought down to safe levels.

At the same time this bill will benefit animal welfare. Factory farms maximize profits by treating animals not as sentient beings, but as production units. Animals are treated as mere commodities, often crammed together in barren pens so tightly that they can barely move with no natural light or stimuli. They are also exposed to high levels of methane gas from manure with no way to escape it. These animals are not protected by the Animal Welfare Act.

Please support SB 80 for the benefit of humans and other animals.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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