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I support SB 80 because factory farms fuel climate change by releasing harmful and dangerous greenhouse gas emissions such as methane and nitrous oxide. In fact, one ton of manure from large dairy farms produces more than twice as many greenhouse gas emissions as one ton of manure from small dairy farms due to manure management practices.

Also, large Concentrated Agricultural Feeding operations (CAFOs) rely on unsustainable agricultural practices that produce massive amounts of manure, along with significant methane, ammonia, and nitrous oxide emissions. Shifting to regenerative, sustainable practices would create a resilient food system that prioritizes the health of our environment and our communities. The waste from these operations is stored in large lagoons and it is detrimental to the Oregon climate plan, and endangers our public waters.

Thank you.