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

Dear Chair Golden, and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Myriam Alaux and I live in Portland, OR

I am writing to you today in support of SB 80, to halt the expansion of factory farms, defined by the Oregon Department of Agriculture as large CAFOs.

There are so many reasons to do so, I'll start with the cruelty of it.

In factory farms, animals are tightly confined in vast overcrowded & foul conditions, living their entire existence in unrelenting stress & pain, as if they were insentient objects and not sentient beings. Death, brutal as it is, comes as a mercy.

Humans don't fare much better. Factory farms force workers into unsafe and dangerous working conditions, exposing them to the same hazardous chemicals, particulate matter, fumes (think ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, layers of excrement) that confined animals are subject to.

The toxic stew of methane & nitrous oxide seeps into our water, our soil, our air, affecting our health and accelerating climate change, which in turn impacts our food growing capacity.

As for the small farms, unable to compete financially with CAFOs, they are driven out of business, further undermining the stability of rural communities. All the while factory farms externalize costs and force us taxpayers to pay for the clean up of their pollution and contamination.

Nothing is worth this catastrophic industrial agrarian practice. It is not in the interests of Oregonians. Please vote for SB 80.

Sincerely,  
Myriam Alaux