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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,

I am writing to you today in support of SB 80. We must take action to halt the expansion of factory farming, defined by the Oregon Department of Agriculture as large CAFOs, in our state's groundwater management areas until contamination is brought down to WELL BELOW safe levels.

I could repeat the litany of reasons for supporting this bill. But you already know about the harm that CAFOs do to our environment and the effect they have on the animals and the harm that big agribusiness does to our family farmers. The question is whether you care. Do you care more for the profits of the CAFOs or for the people of this state? Do you value the immediate profits of the CAFOs over the long-term interests of Oregonians?

What are your values? How much do you care about our welfare and our future?