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CAFOs are harming rural communities as shown by the nitrate crisis in the water and the droughts they cause.

Consumers are showing a preference for pasture raised and grass fed products over CAFO large operations and CAFOs always shrink the amount of these small operations. Small farm/ ranchers are a huge part of the characteristics of what makes Oregon amazing and I do not want these operations to become obsolete or hard to find. I depend on them for my needs.

So vote yes and stand with the small operations and health of rural communities. Drinking clean water is a need and not a want. Ethical farming is a way of life for many in Oregon and must be protected for they serve the Oregonian way of living life.

Thank you.