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On Behalf Of:

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Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB80

I am writing in support of SB80. We Oregonians must halt the expansion of Factory Farming in our Ground Water Management Areas (GWMAs) until the contamination is brought down to safe levels.

Nitrates from fertilizers and manure pollutes groundwater and are a grave threat to human health. Well tests in these affected areas show 11 times the EPA limit for safe consumption.

The large quantities of pollution in Factory Farms also release airborne pollution that is linked to asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory diseases, leading nationwide to thousands of premature deaths every year.

We cannot rely on the federal EPA to intervene in this crisis, so we need our state elected officials to step up. Given the manure management practices, large dairy farms in our state produce an outsized amount of greenhouse gases from manure compared to small dairy farms.

Living near a large Factory Farm drives down property values, making it difficult to sell homes. Costs to clean up water pollution are passed on to taxpayers.

Factory Farms concentrate profits to large corporations, driving small farmers out of business.

I urge you to vote for SB80 to protect our precious water resources.

Sincerely,
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