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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB80

Committee Chair and members of the committee,

I strongly support Senate Bill 80. This bill is essential for safeguarding Oregon's water resources from contamination. CAFOs pose a significant risk to groundwater quality due to the high concentration of animal waste, which can leach nitrates, pathogens, and other pollutants into our drinking water. Protecting these vulnerable groundwater management areas is crucial for public health and environmental sustainability. Additionally, this bill aligns with the growing recognition that we must transition away from unsustainable and often unethical industrial agricultural practices. By limiting the expansion of CAFOs in sensitive areas, we can promote more responsible and environmentally sound agricultural methods that prioritize both human and environmental health.

Sincerely,
Leslie Fager