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Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB80

Honorable Senator Golden,

I have lived and worked in Rural PNW and urge you to act now.  
Positive protection Required for Oregonians' health and future safety. As a state  
Oregonians and this committee were unprepared to face the level of problems that  
this industrial food production has generated in Oregon, and how much damage  
would result.

We need a more proactive and adaptive management style to mitigate agricultural  
waste called CAFOs. This is an opportunity to slow down a freight train.  
This measure only applies to future operations, and we also need to address the  
violations of the existing operations.

Support SB 80. Buy us time to look ahead. Create a process to monitor and regulate  
this industry before permitting future expansions and new permits.

Once the damage is done on this scale it is irreversible.

Workers and community people in the area are already suffering. This is an  
exponential problem, where the lagoons of waste create massive concentrations of  
pollution and methane.

This creates microclimates that are very unhealthy.

Please help! Please stand up for the people of the smaller communities in the state  
who are not able to come to these hearings. There are serious health consequences  
for those who do not have access to safe air and water.

This is a BLACK SWAN - no one wanted the unintended impacts that these  
operations are bringing to our economy.

Risk management is critical in this new economy, where larger ag operations are  
largely unregulated. There is an increased risk to adding more pollution at this time to  
Oregon's Air as the wildfires intensify.

Historically We have been given access to clean water and air.

Now we are asking the Oregon state for guidance and regulation on industries that  
are seeking to threaten that. Please move this forward to better support Oregon's

land values and economic stability. We risk violation of Native American Treaty rights and other commerce.

Not being able to see Mount Hood is a serious concern. The level of emissions of greenhouse gas is similar to an entire metro area.

We need guardrails and regulations that reflect the true costs. There are parts of eastern Oregon and now into the Willamette valley that have seen a surge in terms of these types of applications. Where are the guardrails? How does this fit into Oregon's Climate plan.

#### **BENEFITS FOR OREGON CONSUMER**

Competition to smaller-scale farming is also jeopardized. Do not be swayed by lobbyists who do not have Oregon's interests at heart. The bulk of the product is exported markets meaning we are essentially a wasteland. We lose value to the overall county in terms of quality. Adjacent properties are devalued.

The cost of removing the damage or improving the outcomes is Not built-in. It lands on us Oregonians taxpayers.

Oregonians are under increased threats from Wildfire. We are not able to sit by and watch this train wreck in slow motion without speaking up.

This is a time of change as the effects of "Unforeseen" and untended consequences are preventable.