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To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Margaret LeDuff (Peggy)

Re: Support for SB 80- to stop new or expanding large CAFOs in GWMA's

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Peggy, and I live in Portland. I am a retired middle school teacher. I respect our Earth. I have a four year old granddaughter. I need to protect our environment for her, especially since many of our government officials are not.

I am angry that factory farms are causing so much environmental harm. **And I support SB80.** We must have clean water, which means a halt to the expansion of factory farming (CAFOs) in our state's groundwater management areas, until contamination is brought down to safe levels.

CAFOs are so harmful to our water, air, and soil. Nitrate contamination from fertilizers and manure are polluting groundwater. The people that consume the contaminated groundwater are harmed. Drinking water should be safe, not poisoned by factory farms. Mandatory restrictions must be placed on the sources of the polluters. CAFOs have caused the nitrate levels to rise above the EPA safe consumption limit by 11 times.

Climate Change is a result of factory farms releasing dangerous greenhouse gases, including methane and nitrous oxide. Large CAFOs produce enormous amounts of manure and ammonia, which end up in our air, water, and soil spreading poisons into our environment. This is unsustainable.

Factory farm workers are exposed to horrible working conditions. They are inhaling dangerous chemicals, fumes for waste, and particulate matter. Their health matters to me. No one should have to work in such unsafe conditions. They deserve protection from CAFOs.

I urge you to vote for SB 80 to protect our precious water resources! My granddaughter deserves a better future than she is now facing.

Sincerely,

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