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Hello Committee Members,

I am writing in regards to Senate Bill 197.

Concentrated animal feeding operations, or "CAFOs," are notorious for environmental degradation, intense pollution and mistreatment of animals.

Oregon is unfortunately already home to one of the nation's largest mega-dairies, Threemile Canyon Farms, which houses about 70,000 cows at any given point.

Decomposing animal waste is the source of many environmentally toxic gases, including hydrogen sulfide and carbon monoxide. Not only are those toxic gasses deadly at high concentrations, but they can diminish the quality of life for neighbors and threaten surrounding scenic regions.

Factory farms in our state goes against the values of a the majority of Oregonians, who want animals and the environment treated with greater respect. Oregonians also support smaller family farmers who place great value on the welfare of the animals and being environmentally responsible and sustainable.

Factory farms seemingly dismiss any responsibility for environmental pollution and animal welfare just by the very nature of their structure.

SB 197 is a start. As a voter, I fully support SB 197.

I am hopeful each of you will also find the value in SB 197 and facilitate it to pass.

As always, thank you for the long hours and work you do for Oregon.

Kind regards,

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