

**Written Testimony In Support of SB 197**  
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Senator Dembrow and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jeanette Logan, and my husband and I live in and farm 1000 acres in Morrow County.

Morrow County is the home to Threemile Canyon Farms, and where the proposed 30,000-cow Lost Valley Ranch continues to construct without receiving permits from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

My husband and I have farmed all of our married lives in this area. In 2000, the Threemile Canyon Farms Complex's 55,000 + cattle moved in next door to us. On a regular basis noxious odors from the dairy traveled onto our property and penetrated our home-often so overpowering that I would be unable to enjoy my nightly walk, and many times had to cover my mouth, or forego it entirely. Sitting outside on the deck was usually totally out of the question. When the summer months would come, the stink would be terrible and was unbearable to open our windows at night - something that we would often enjoy before the dairies moved in.



In 2007, I traveled to Salem to testify before the Legislature where I expressed my concern that mega dairies were having a negative impact on our health, our property value and the community in which we lived.

I was pleased that the 2007 Legislature took our concerns to heart and set up the Dairy Air Quality Task Force (DAQTF) to investigate the issues that I, and others were raising about emissions from mega farming operations. While skeptical at first, I was pleased with the work of the DAQTF, as I felt it was a reasonable path forward with addressing complex issues with multiple stakeholders.

Now here we are ten years later.

Since the DAQTF recommendations came out, two things have changed. First, I have had to leave my home of nearly 40 years. Between the "Dairy Air" and the windmills, our small farm that I knew and loved was no longer viable. Second, another 30,000 cow mega dairy is currently being constructed in our community and we still have no air protections in place from the emissions these operations produce.

SB 197 is a common-sense approach that simply directs the agency to develop rules to begin addressing emissions from agricultural operations. Given that the recommendations from the DAQTF were agreed upon by many stakeholders, including those in the dairy industry, it's a no-brainer that it is time to finally move those recommendations forward.

I am compelled to ask why it is, that the State of Oregon thinks my air is less important than those people living in Portland? And are the property values in my community less important than the

profits of an out-of-state corporation that happens to move in?

Just because we live in Eastern Oregon, does not mean that our access to clean air is less important. Portland isn't the only place that has air quality concerns. Glass factories or dairies - it doesn't matter. Pollution is pollution and needs to be adequately regulated.

Since the state is allowing the construction of yet another mega dairy- at the very least we need to start addressing the air quality concerns that these monster operations pose to the people living near by.

Please support SB 197 before another farm family has to leave their home because of the pollution emitted and the resulting threats that these newcomer mega dairies pose.

Thank you.