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Cc: Lindsay Trant
Subject: SB !03

To the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

I am writing in support of SB 103 and the need to enact a moratorium on permits for new mega-dairies in Oregon this year.

I am part owner along with the rest of my family and employees that own and run Deck Family Farm a small to medium size farm in Oregon that supplies 100's of community members with meat, milk eggs, cheese, vegetables fruit, nuts and grains in a year round. We have the privilege and the challenge of producing food on a scale to be profitable while stewarding our resources responsibly. The products we produce are not cheap, in fact often they are 2-3 X's what is paid for the same food produced in a non-environmentally sensitive way.

Large mega-dairies give farming a bad name in that they practice inhumane and ultra dense stocking of animals, are huge sources of ammonia and methane, and flood the market with cheap products that drive down prices. This directly impacts our ability to market our products which are marketed at a price that has internalized the cost of environmental stewardship, and humane animal practice.

Mega-dairies are a direct threat to our ability to create a livelihood and must be made to account for the damage they do to water, soil and air, and the marketplace.

Please enact a moratorium on new mega-dairies in Oregon this year.

Thank you,
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