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From: Marie Gadotti <mariegadotti@centurytel.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 8:43 AM
To: SENR Exhibits
Subject: SB 103 and SB 104

Dear Chair Dembrow,

Many of Oregon Family Dairies would be significantly impacted as both bills are drafted. The size of a dairy does not mean that dairyman aren't good stewards of their land or are uncaring about animal welfare.

To be a successful Dairy Producer it is imperative that they are diligent in caring for the environment, the land and health of their herds. Many dairy operations have been handed down from generation to generation allowing for a family network to keep the dairy successful. As with many other farm operations Dairies have had to become larger and larger to survive.

It would be unreasonable to have any dairy lose their farm use designation and protections. These are not industrial uses and changing the type of use would serve no purpose other than deterring someone from staying in business or starting up a new dairy operation.

Other farmers in Oregon including our farm, produce the large amounts of silage, hay, grains and straw to feed & bed the dairy animals. SB 103 and 104 could create a domino effect in agriculture across the State of Oregon.

Agriculture is vital to Oregon's economy and is a renewable resource that should be protected not discouraged.

It sends a dangerous precedent for the Oregon Legislature to start dictating the size, scale and type of farms we can have in this state.

I urge you to vote No on SB 103 and 104.

Sincerely,

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