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To: SENR Exhibits
Subject: Support for SB103 and moratorium on mega-dairies

To the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

Please consider supporting SB 103 and a moratorium on permits for new mega-dairies.

As a microdairy farmer that works tirelessly to produce milk in ways that promote the health of the land, water, animals, milk and my local community, I abhor the conditions of mega-dairies. These factory farms disregard all the qualities many Oregonians seek in a viable agricultural system: healthy animals that spend time on pasture, consume appropriate feed and have a high quality of life; nutrient management that regenerates farmland and is protected from negatively affecting surface water, groundwater and local communities; and economic and social connection to the rural communities they are part of.

Family farms, particularly dairies, are fast becoming obsolete in our state. Our legislature should do all it can to promote appropriate-scale dairy farming. The most immediate step is to halt all permits for future mega-dairies.

Please consider the history of Lost Valley a lesson to learn from. The risks to our farms, farmers, environment and economy are far too large to risk another mega-dairy disaster.

Thank you for your consideration,
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