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From: Chelcie Cargill <chelcie.cargill@gmail.com>
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To: SENR Exhibits
Subject: Vote NO on SB 103 and SB 104

Dear Chair Dembrow,

I am not a dairy farmer. However, after reading what senate bill 103 and 104 propose to do to the dairy industry I feel compelled to speak up.

My husband and I are cattle ranchers from Eastern Oregon and we believe strongly that agriculture and good management practices play a vital role in conservation and environmental stewardship efforts.

Under the guise of environmental stewardship and conservation, these bills simply strip family farms of their private property rights and a heritage and lifestyle that has likely been within their family for generations.

These bills set a very dangerous precedent in Oregon. As soon as the legislature starts dictating what size, scale, and type of farms we can have in the state, it undermines our ability to adjust to market pressures, utilize the practices that best work for their operations, and transition between crops and scale of operation as needed to stay afloat. Oregon's farms and ranches support rural communities, protect wildlife habitat and water quality, and protect open space. Any restrictions on the ability of farms to operate in the state at the size and scale needed to support their families and community would put all of Oregon agriculture at risk.

Please, Vote no on SB 103 and 104.

Sincerely,

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