

February 18, 2020

Senate Committee on Rules  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301



RE: SB 1513

Dear Chair Burdick, Vice Chair Baertschiger and members of the Committee,

My name is Jerome Rosa, I am the Executive Director for the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. OCA represents nearly 1,800 Oregon ranching families across the state. We aim to improve the beef industry while promoting environmentally sound and socially conscious economic practices. Oregon has over 13,000 cattle producers, using 57% of state agricultural lands. Specifically, beef cattle operations represent 30% of the CAFOs in the state of Oregon.

On behalf of myself and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, we are opposed to SB 1513 because the legislation places unnecessary regulations across all animal agriculture and is not exclusively regulating newly constructed CAFO's.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture already has in place a long standing and successful CAFO program and has been recognized as one of the most stringent CAFO programs in the country. The foundation for this new legislation stems from one isolated incident on a dairy farm, which was successfully handled with the current ODA CAFO program.

It is unnecessary for this new legislation to include all of animal agriculture under new regulations when a successful program is already in place in this state.

On behalf of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, I'm asking you to oppose SB 1513.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome Rosa". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jerome Rosa  
Oregon Cattlemen's Association