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Re: SB 85 Testimony in Favor of a Moratorium on Factory Farms

Dear Senators,

I come from a long line of heartland family farmers who saw themselves as caretakers of the land. Family, community, and sustainability were treasured values. The incursion of corporate ownership of large plots of land that were leveled and squared in the service to efficiency and profit began bringing grief even thirty years ago. That process has exponentially gained speed ever since.

I urge you to pass SB 85 to protect our drinking water and our wildlife waterways from toxic runoff. I urge you to protect the air our children breathe and our planetary atmosphere from methane and oxides that are bi-products of this runaway corporate greed. I urge you to protect the health of rural communities and family farms who are harmed by contaminated sources because of their proximity to these mega-farms.

It is your time, and your turn, to provide leadership, and protect our fragile Oregon habitat so future generations may know and love it as we do. Please pass SB 85 and place a Moratorium on Factory Farms.

Respectfully submitted,
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