

I am an Oregonian and I urge you to support a moratorium on factory farms, SB 85.

As an Oregonian, I take pride in my state. Over the past few years, I have returned to school, pivoted my career, and will now be focusing on environmental law in order to help protect the environment and natural resources in the state I love. From my perspective, there are a lot of people here that care deeply about Oregon and its future.

The dangers of factory farms are well known. They cause significant damage to the environment and the surrounding communities. They are not wanted here in Oregon.

Oregon is known for its bounty of regional food and farm-to-table restaurants. We thrive on local foods grown naturally – not factory farms. Industrialized food is contrary to our culture and our reputation.

**Oregon's local food system is important to me.** We must protect our independent family-scale farmers, and new emerging farmers, from the harms of mega-scale corporate factory farms.

We need to learn from the mistakes of other states whose communities suffer from drinking water pollution and decreased health and quality of life. We can't allow Oregon to become the next hotbed for factory farms. Urgent action is needed to protect Oregon from the harms posed by these industrial facilities.

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