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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: [Your Name/Organization]

Re: Support for SB85, the factory farm moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

I support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon.

In addition to catastrophic manure spills, the sheer amount of manure that factory farms produce often exceeds what crops can absorb. This causes manure runoff into waterways.

Small family farms enhance rural economic stability and provide the basis for thriving and vibrant rural communities. Factory farms extract wealth from our rural communities.

Factory farms are breeding grounds for disease. Due to unsanitary and cramped conditions, animals can carry and spread pathogens to humans, like the highly pathogenic avian influenza (bird flu) and H1N1 (swine flu).

Factory farms are an environmental justice issue. Many of Oregon's largest dairy factory farms are in rural Latinx communities, and these communities disproportionately suffer the adverse effects of these factory farms.

Oregon has progressive, humane values. Yet farmed animals in industrial-scale settings suffer immensely. In order to economize production for maximum profits, birth, life, and death for animals in factory farms is agony.

I urge you to vote for SB85 in the 2023 legislative session to protect our climate, environment, rural communities, and family farms.

Sincerely,
Diane Wynne