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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Please vote NO on SB 85.

When families everywhere in Oregon are facing soaring food prices...

When family farms are continuing to be squeezed into selling to huge corporate conglomerates...

When Oregon faces unprecedented problems of homelessness, crime, substance abuse, mental illness, educational failure, and other serious problems that have made us a joke in the public eye...

...this is not the time nor the place for wasting taxpayer dollars on a solution looking for a problem. Family farms are some of the places with the least problems in Oregon. We are busy raising food for Oregonians, reducing the environmental cost of transporting food from other regions of the US, and contributing tax dollars and to our local communities as well as the state.

Further regulations on farming operations in Oregon would increase food costs for Oregonians, complicate supply chain problems, put more trucks on the road bringing food from other regions thereby increasing carbon emissions and crowding our already overcrowded roads. The poor, marginalized, and least food-secure of Oregonians would be affected most grievously by any legislative attempts to further regulate already over-regulated farms and farmers.

As amended, this bill presumes a problem it purports to study, as if the study were already shown to require the intervention it is supposed to study, so the conclusions are presumed through a perverse kind of circular reasoning.

Please vote against Measure SB 85. Preserve our local food supply and support the farms and farmers who toil long hours to provide it. There are much more important issues in Oregon that need these taxpayer dollars.

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