

## Opposed to SB 85-1

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Chair Golden and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. My name is Bruce Chapin. I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation farmer and after 50 years of farming I am in the process of retiring and turning the business over to my son and son-in-law. I have been a hazelnut farmer and have not raised livestock.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 85-1 as I am greatly concerned about the precedent this may set.

I am strongly opposed to putting an industry on hold prior to establishing a serious problem exists. What is being proposed in SB 85-1 is a very backward process that is looking for a problem to solve while doing damage to the industry for eight years.

Without first obtaining credible justification for the moratorium SB 85-1 will put the Oregon Confined Animal Feeding industry on hold by blocking expansions and upgrades until after a comprehensive review is completed. It allows up to eight years to accurately quantify the impacts to air quality, climate, water quality, water supplies, small- and medium-sized livestock farms, community and worker health and animal welfare. The bottom line is this is a process that is designed to take eight years to go through and during all those eight years, the Animal Feeding Industry will be on hold making Oregon Agriculture less competitive.

If you truly believe there likely is a significant problem with Confined Animal Feeding Operations then it would appear to be more logical to create a credible review of the regulatory programs governing livestock feeding operations in Oregon. I believe you will find there are a set of very robust regulatory programs in place already appropriately dealing with the major concerns relating to CAFO's.

Thank you,

Bruce Chapin