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On Behalf Of: Steve Ziglinski et al
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB85

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Chair Golden and Members of the Committee;

Our Family has been in the same area for over 100 years. We are loggers and farmers, paying taxes on over 400 acres. Our land is adjacent to the proposed site in Jordan Oregon.

We respectfully and urgently ask that you pause all permitting of these mega chicken CAFOs until we have adequate laws in place to protect our environment from the certain damage that would ensue if these CAFOs were allowed to be placed this close to waterways and to dwellings. We support SB 85.

Air emissions of ammonia would be a disaster for our waterways, the air emissions of bacteria laden dust can travel over 3000 meters away. This is a documented and proven fact. This is far too close for Lourdes school. In Jordan, Thomas Creek is 230 feet away from the proposed Evergreen site, the Evergreen site has a perennial stream on it. Children swim in that creek. Generations of our family grew up playing in that creek in the summer. We need this to stay pristine for our children and for all the aquatic life.

Also, how is it possible that someone can come in and drill several wells on a place with plans for extreme use, when the surrounding neighbors already have low producing wells, and the neighbors only recourse to this a complaint driven process so the neighbor has to run out of water before anything can be done per current water laws?

Oregon is a highly agricultural state, we must keep it that way. We have learned how to farm and log this state respectfully and carefully. We urgently need updated laws to ensure that our water stays safe and healthy and that the air our schoolchildren breathe stays safe. We need the assurance there will be enough water for current residents.

Sincerely,

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