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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB85

I would like to state that I am opposed to this bill.

I have lived in Dayton for most of my life. My family moved here from Sweet Home in 1988 and I graduated from Dayton High School in 1994. Both of my kids and 4 nephews have also graduated from Dayton. There are numerous chicken farms in this town. One owned by the Evers family, one by the Bernards family, one by the Stoller family and two by the Cozart family. All of these people raise chickens for Foster Farms.

Having lived here for so long I am at least familiar with all of these families. They are good, hard-working people who are proud of what they do. All of them have missed holidays, vacations, and days off because they are raising live animals. The chickens always come first.

I keep hearing people say the term Factory Farm. Is it just the size that makes them deem it a "Factory" Farm? The farms around here are very large. The farm that started all of this debate going into Scio is a family farm as well, owned by Eric and Brandy Simon. This is not a factory. It's a farm.

Please do not hinder these family's ability to grow their businesses.