

Living in the Rogue Valley, my family regularly patronizes the small organic farmers that are plentiful in this area. They are great neighbors and great environmental stewards. We are certain that our health benefits from the excellent produce these small organic farmers make available at local growers' markets, regional supermarkets, and restaurants.

We moved to this area from the southeast US, where CAFOs and large factory agricultural operations have created terrible pollution and health impacts. Learning from the tragic mistakes in other states should spur Oregon to protect itself from industrial agriculture.

SB 85 would strengthen Oregon's small farmers, protect them from predatory competition, shield our state from needless air, soil, and water contamination, and uphold the critical values of resource conservation.

Please pass SB 85 for the sake of all Oregonians.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.