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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB85

I support SB 85. This bill prevents Large Industrial Factor Farms, from exploiting local communities, pristine Oregon farmland, and water resources. Large concentrated animal feed operations reduce community property values and perpetuates poverty for the surrounding communities.

I have visited many of these types of operations in the midwest, in particular those of chicken production. and to my surprise, the stench and particulate emissions were unimaginably horrible. The particulate (dust/feces) discharge carries for miles. In one instance, I was staying at a hotel 15 miles from one Chicken CAFO and the particulate discharge had permeated the building in which I was staying--this is a health risk for disease transmission, allergies, chronic lung disease, and more. These production facilities reduce the quality of life for everyone surrounding the facility for miles, reduce property values for property owners, and reduce revenue for County and State coffers as a result.

The question of long term water security for the State is also unanswered and unaddressed in the allowance of these operations to proliferate on prime Oregon Agricultural Lands, especially considering the impact of climate change.

If you had to live next to one of these facilities you would understand the plight and blight this type of industrial farming operation imposes on the community it invades. I urge you to support SB 85.

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