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Hello, I have farmed in the Willamette Valley of Oregon for 22 years. I am in support of SB85-1. Many decades ago I lived and worked in the central valley of California where I drove past very large chicken and bovine confinement operations. The stench in the air was overpowering even with all windows closed in my vehicle. I pitied the families that had to live near by these facilities . The surrounding communities to most CAFO confinement animal operations are largely lower income, blue collar workers. I have never witnessed a large animal confinement business in the proximity of high income neighborhoods. Lower income, rural citizens suffer with exposure to these operations. Mega animal facilities also impact home and real estate values in these neighborhoods thus devaluing home values. There is no doubt that any mega chicken factory will negatively impact our air, water and both the viability and liveability in any local community in Oregon. Please ask yourself this question. " Would I welcome such a large animal processing factory in my neighborhood and community"? We all deserve to live with clean and and water. I urge you to put a pause on the permitting of new and expanding CAFOs until we can adequately study and address the impacts that these operations will have on our state.

Please support SB 85-1. Thank you, Kris Woolhouse