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Confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs, aka factory farms) pose one of the most important dangers to our state's environmental quality and the health of our people. CAFOs accelerate the climate crisis in ways that run directly contrary to the Oregon legislature's generally pro-environment policies. A factory farm moratorium is long overdue.

Emissions of various chemicals from CAFOs, especially but not solely from the manure they produce, have significant effects on the quality of our water and air, which are problematic for all people and particularly those with respiratory and immune-related illnesses. Moreover, CAFOs use massive quantities of clean water to hydrate their confined animals, thereby depleting this important natural resource at the same time that they foul our waterways and groundwater.

Aside from these well-documented environmental dangers, the conditions endured by the animals inside CAFOs are a moral disgrace.