

Submitter: Nichole Carney

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Chair Golden and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my full support for SB 85.

My Name is Nichole Bruntz Carney. I farm and ranch in the Willamette Valley of Oregon.

As a livestock farmer I understand the importance of agriculture to our state's economy and our communities. I am not opposed to CAFOs. I think there is a way to raise livestock in CAFOs that doesn't impact the environment.

However, what we have seen with the siting of industrial chicken operations on rivers and streams, in flood plains, in areas with shallow wells and on some of the best farmland in the state underscores the need to pause and rethink our rules as they pertain to CAFOs in our state.

I don't believe a moratorium will impact the majority of producers in our state. It is intended to only limit new Tier 2 CAFOs until we can ensure we have adequate protections in place.

As a rancher I believe that we must work together to support the growth of our agriculture industry in a way that protects our environment, our rural communities and public health. The proposed moratorium on new CAFOs is an opportunity for us to do just that.

In conclusion, I urge you to support SB 85.