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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee
First and foremost, I urge you to support bill SB85 and let a moratorium give Oregon time to assess the costs and consequences of industrialized agriculture on our state and communities.

My name is Kody I have lived in Eugene for about 3 years, I work in food production and make products from soy.

I'm sure you will have heard a lot of testimony on both sides to the benefits and costs of supporting or rejecting this bill. I implore you to take into consideration that this bill is not a ban, it is a measure to buy time for local communities to weigh in if they want such facilities near them, and for counties to ascertain the drain on precious resources they risk.

The true costs of passing this bill is clear, cheap chicken won't be as cheap. The opponents of this bill will tell you about demand, and how well they "self-regulate" but corporations losing out on profit is the most compelling argument. The science that I hope you have been informed of is clear and plethora, these factory farms are pocks on the environment and rife with workplace and animal welfare violations, there is a reason that these farms are not being built in California or North Carolina. By supporting this bill you are giving local and state government time to make decisions and prepare for the impact that these kind of operations have.

Thank you for your time. I hope you vote in the best interests of Oregonians.