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Scientists have long known that cattle are a significant producer of the greenhouse gas methane. In order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to meet the reduction goals in methane we must reduce the number of cattle and other methane producing species and put a stop to feedlot expansions here in Oregon. SB85 is a good start toward that goal.

Let us make it incumbent upon the Oregon Legislature to pass this bill so we can, as a people, begin to recognize and eliminate root causes of climate change. The fact is, that we can see the consequences of climate change all around us, in almost every state and country on this planet. We can't wait to begin fixing this at some date in the future. We need to act fast and now is the time. Other reasons to reduce/eliminate the presence of feedlots are: 1) beef production on the scale that is happening in Oregon and elsewhere is not sustainable; Raising cattle requires a great amount of resources: water, land, and food; that will be in diminishing supply as the planet continues to warm.. 2) it is inhumane and causes great suffering to animals who live in these confined spaces.

I implore the Oregon Legislature to pass SB85 during the 2023 session and become a model for other states to support similar measures.

Thank you