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As a resident bordering our small Oregon rural towns, I am deeply troubled by the proposed massive poultry operations looking to be built in these vulnerable lands and the impact they will have on the viability of our rural communities, rivers and air quality.

Common sense tells us that these massive operations will negatively impact our air, water and both the viability and live-ability of our local communities. It is also clear that our current laws and regulations have not kept up to date with the impacts that these operations could have.

Specifically, I am troubled that Oregon does not currently regulate air emissions from large CAFOs; i.e., one of the proposals is for 4.6 million birds to be confined, less than a mile from a school!

Also, the state, does not limit the amount of groundwater that these operations can use, even when a facility is being proposed in a groundwater management area that is known to have a limited quantity of ground water. We have been told by our county commissioners that the state has taken away their authority to put any reasonable safeguards on where mega poultry operations can be built, which is antiquated, particularly when the county has a much better understanding of the local area and how these operations could negatively impact the people living there. Noise, emissions, read noxious odor, and traffic associated with these mega CAFO operations will harm the quality of life for those living in the surrounding areas and inhibit, if not annihilate, local green tourism.

For all of the above reasons, it is only prudent that we 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 and rural communities, aka, Oregonian families and a healthy environment to live in and visit.

We can achieve economic development in beautiful Oregon without CAFO's that sacrifice the health and well-being of our communities and environment, and that will preserve the rural way of life that we all cherish.

Please listen to Oregonians over Factory Farms.  
Support SB 85-1.