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Thank you for your allowing this forum to express my strong support for SB 85. This bill will safeguard rural communities and stop the proliferation of industrial animal operations until better laws can be put into place to protect the communities these industrial operations are moving into and expanding in. The current protections are inadequate and can lead to contamination of water sources and to other environmental damage in areas that such industries can exploit because of ready land availability and lack of political pull and protection. There is plenty of evidence that large scale industrial farming, often owned by out of state corporate organizations, makes false promises of their operation's environmental impact. Overall, they are less invested in the welfare of the community they temporarily use for the purposes of mass production of meat and eggs and dairy. Therefore our State and local communities should have a strong screening process and control of their behavior. This law will give some time to decide how best to protect our communities from exploitation. Thank you.