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As a long time resident and land owner in Jordan, Oregon where I am my children attended the Lourdes public school I support a moratorium on CAFOs to further study the impact to our streams, native habitat, transportation, air quality, and community impact where proximity to schools and community facilities are at risk. We have seen many examples of negative impacts from industry that could have been prevented with further study to inform regulatory framework that would prevent damage.

? A Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) is an agricultural meat, dairy, or egg facility where animals are kept and raised in confined situations. A Chicken CAFO is proposed in our community to include 16 600' X 60' barns with 750,000 chickens raised in six cycles will produce 4.7 million annually. Research indicates that 5-7% die (235-300,000) due to habitat density adding to the huge amount of waste composted on site.

? Opposition is not for all CAFOs. We oppose an outsized poultry CAFO in our community because of its proximity to major community activity in an established agricultural/forestry area where low-impact farming has remained our interface with the environment for more than four generations of farming families raising grass seed, grains, cattle, blueberries, mushrooms, dairy products, Christmas trees, and other crops. We are a community tied to the land.

? The proposed CAFO is sited less than .5 miles from our community center where we congregate for events in our hall, educate kindergarten through eighth grade in our public school, offer a public playground, and church with cemetery. We are committed to the health and safety of the children in our public school founded in 189? Where else are there CAFOs so close to a school or playground.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) accepts peer reviewed study from John Hopkins University that has determined:

o Air emissions from high-density poultry farming include particulate matter, ammonia, hydrogen, sulfide, and greenhouse gases as well as other hazardous materials. Studies have found that these microorganisms can include low-pathogenic avian influenza virus The CAFO site, less than one-half mile from our public school, church, and community center poses a threat to our quality of life and our the health of our children. High-density poultry buildings can disperse the aforementioned particulates downwind up to 1.9 miles from their source.

? The building plans for the barns only requires 50' from the neighbors' property

line. The proposed 16 barns with the resulting waste and run-off is directly above a fish-bearing stream; namely, Thomas Creek, which then drains through the South Santiam River into the Willamette River. Our area has a limited water supply. Crops grown on this hilltop do not require irrigation. Some water rights have been suspended during summer months because of the low water in Thomas Creek. The proposed CAFO may require up to 300 gallons per minute with potential to deplete area wells

? Research indicates that this size of will annually produce =9,000 truck trips. With a narrow two-lane road and small concrete bridge as the only egress to handle, there is another negative impact to our community.

Please declare a moratorium until we know what we need to prevent damage to our community and environment