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I have only recently moved to Oregon. Four year ago. Prior to that my abode was on the shores of Lake Superior.

About ten years ago Smithfield Foods, the largest Pig processor in the U.S. bought a high chunk of land with tributaries running into Lake Superior. When word got out that a company from Iowa was seeking to establish a CAFO in a pristine area citizens got involved. Especially when it was made public that there was a major controlling interest in that company from China and that the " finished hogs" were destined for export.

It took ten years but ultimately the corporation decided the cost benefits analysis was not in their favor ( and possibly the threat of sabotage).

I caution any beautiful State such as Oregon NOT to let these operations gain a foothold...Investigate the shell Corporations that are behind many of these attempts and you will find many non U.S. stakeholders. In today's economic climate we cannot afford to lose any more land, clean air or clean water for the citizens of our State.

No one will gain anything from allowing the proliferation of CAFO s. In an era when it is contrary to all the data we have on sustainable diets for humans, to be promoting an increase in the consumption of meat and simultaneously an increase in environmental degradation, is the height of backward thinking.