

Submitter: Berkley Baldwin

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Berkley Baldwin

Re: Support for SB 85- the factory farm moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden, and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Berkley Baldwin, and I live in Baker City and also own a rental home in Bend where my husband and I lived until 2020.

I am writing to you today in support of a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. We must take action to halt the expansion of factory farming in our state until we have protections in place for the environment, animal welfare, family farms, and frontline communities.

Both communities that we have and do live in have experienced extreme drought challenges. All Oregonians have a right to clean air, water, and food and factory farms would greatly impact surrounding communities. This scale of industrial production takes more than its fair share of water resources. We envision Oregon as a place where small family farms enhance rural economic stability and provide the basis for thriving and vibrant rural communities.

I urge you to vote for SB 85 in the 2023 Legislative Session to protect our small and midsized socially and ecologically responsible family farms in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Berkley Baldwin

Baker City resident and property owner and Bend property owner.