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Here in the Pacific Northwest we pride ourselves on locally grown, locally sourced, sustainable, and high quality food. We go out of our way to make sure we know where our food comes from, who grew or raised it, and how. When I buy a chicken or an egg, I look for local, known, equitable and well intentioned farmers who take care of our land, our environment, and our people.

Nothing about Foster Farms, massive scale chicken factories, and out of state corporations meets these requirements. Allowing them to develop things we despise to produce food we won't eat, is against everything we stand for and pride ourselves on.

We have enough chickens and eggs for our people. We don't need to allow foreign (even out of state) investors to ruin our communities for profits that go out of state, out of country, and create food that is not nourishing the consumer and the world around us.

I whole heartedly support this bill. Thank you for doing this work! It's the right thing to do and it's Oregon.

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