

Submitter: Linda Sebring

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Date: March 7, 2023

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Linda Sebring

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

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

My name is Linda Sebring, and I live in Corvallis, Oregon.

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. CAFO pose a threat to our lives in the form of presenting a breeding ground for Zoonotic diseases. Bird flu is devastating poultry farmers all over the world and it is a very real threat that this will jump from birds to humans. Large CAFO cannot respond quickly and when they do have to cull diseased birds it is an ecological disaster for the local community.

These gigantic facilities are often owned by out of state folks who don't invest in my community. They will not be held responsible if a disease is cultivated inside their operations.

These facilities come in with a lot of money and take up EFU zoned land and designated High Value Soils. They outbid local, small and midsize farmers and then don't use the land for its intended purpose. You don't need High Value Soils to build a warehouse full of 125,000 chickens, and the compaction/damage to the soil will take decades to undo."

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,
Linda Sebring

Local Food & Farming Advocate

I am not commenting as part of any Organization but only as a taxpayer in Oregon for the past 50 years.