

Submitter: Kimberly Nesbitt

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Kimberly Nesbitt

Re: Support for SB85, the factory farm moratorium bill

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

My name is Kimberly Nesbitt, and I live in Portland. I support a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I am writing as a volunteer with Food & Water Watch.

As a clinical nutritionist, stopping the expansion of factory farms in Oregon is imperative to the health and wellbeing of our environment, animal welfare, and of course our human communities. I cannot in good conscience recommend conventional meat to my clients from factory farms because it is far from healthy on so many levels.

A few points worth mentioning:

- Oregon's small farmers have long been producing healthy, safe, and abundant food for Oregonians with more conscientious stewardship of the environment, our communities, and our food supply than factory farms.
- Oregon needs safe and dignified workplaces that support healthy, thriving communities. At factory farms, workers are often forced into unsafe working conditions and exposed to hazardous chemicals, fumes, and particulate matter.
- Oregon has progressive, humane values. Yet farmed animals in industrial-scale settings suffer immensely. In order to economize production for maximum profits, birth, life, and death for animals in factory farms is agony.

I urge you to vote for SB85 in the 2023 legislative session to protect our climate, environment, rural communities, and family farms. Please use your power to do something truly worthwhile and think about the average citizen of Oregon and not the corporate greed of Big Ag.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Nesbitt

Volunteer with Food & Water Watch