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CAFOs are a threat to the health and well-being of Oregonians. They consume enormous amounts of water; create pollution and waste; damage our air, rivers, and soil; increase the spread of zoonotic diseases like E.coli; and increase the likelihood of antibiotic resistance. The animals they abuse and kill suffer unimaginably. CAFOs harm small farmers. They harm their employees who often develop respiratory illnesses. They harm those who happen to have the misfortune of owning land or living near their operations. Instead of allowing CAFOs into our state, we should be moving toward more sustainable agriculture - permaculture, organic farming methods, and environmentally efficient means of producing the most nutrient-dense foods possible with the fewest resources. We should not allow corporate greed to destroy our home. We should protect our friends and neighbors, our animals, and our land. As a lifelong Oregonian, I strongly oppose bringing CAFOs to Oregon, and I support SB 85.