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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Dear Natural Resources Committee Members,

As a lifelong resident of Oregon, I firmly support this bill and a moratorium on factory farms/ CAFOs in our state. We are lucky to live in a region with such a beautiful and productive natural environment, vibrant communities, and strong culture of small scale, ecological sound farming. CAFOs and large scale industrial agriculture threaten all of these areas of our lives: polluting natural areas, jeopardizing public health through waste spills, runoff and air pollution, and edging out true family and small scale farmers while making it harder for them to grow the healthy and delicious food we all need by poisoning the land and water. On top of all of these harms to the people of Oregon and our environment, CAFOs are a source of obscene cruelty to animals, forcing them to live short and miserable lives in torturous conditions. They are also a huge source of greenhouse gas emissions, which the state has committed to reducing rapidly over the next several decades in order to do our part to mitigate climate catastrophe.

In learning about the context around this bill, I was alarmed to hear about proposals to bring new poultry factory farms to the Willamette Valley, right next to schools and rural communities. We need immediate action to prevent this public health and environmental disaster.

Thank you for your service to our state, and please champion this important bill so that Oregon can continue to be a national leader on climate and community welfare,

Eloise Parish Mueller