



Support Factory Farm bill SB 85-1

Senate Committee on Natural Resources

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod, and committee members.

My name is Ken Baker and I'm speaking in support of SB 85 with 1 amendment on behalf of the Climate Reality Project, Portland Chapter.

I have lived in Tigard, Oregon for 30 years and enjoy Oregon's scenic beauty and Natural Resources.

We need to protect our wonderful state by keeping our air and water clean as well as reducing our impacts on Climate Change.

I am deeply concerned that if we allow Factory Farms in Oregon that we could dramatically reduce our water and air quality. Factory Farms produce large quantities of liquid waste that is typically spread on the land which can pollute the surrounding water bodies by runoff and infiltration into groundwater. These factory farms require lots of water resulting in possibly pumping groundwater which can lower the ground water table resulting in possibly drying out of nearby wells. Also the large number of animals kept in close quarters can cause air pollution. These air pollutants especially methane from excessive amounts of manure stored in large liquid impoundments result in anaerobic conditions that produce methane gas which are very detrimental to our Climate

In contrast local farmers live on their land and are good stewards of the land water as well as caring for their animals which provide us with nutritious food. Small farmers are able to integrate their inputs and outputs versus producing large amounts of waste which overwhelm our natural resources. I believe livestock can benefit the environment if incorporated wisely and in small numbers onto the land appropriately.

Oregon's small farms are rooted in their communities, and contribute to the vitality of rural economies.

Oregonians, not the factory farms, pay the price for the air and water pollution they create, for the depletion of scarce groundwater resources, pollution of surface water and our air, and the harm to rural communities.

Thanks for your consideration of supporting Factory Farm bill SB 85-1.

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About The Climate Reality Project

The Climate Reality Project, Portland Chapter is a local, volunteer-led group affiliated with the international non-profit The Climate Reality Project founded by climate leader and former US Vice President Al Gore, whose mission is to catalyze a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity across every sector of society. With a global movement more than 5 million strong and a grassroots network of trained Climate Reality Leader activists, we're spreading the truth about the climate crisis and building popular support for clean energy solutions.

For more information, visit the Portland Chapter at <https://climaterealitypdx.com/>, and the Climate Reality Project at www.climaterealityproject.org or on Twitter at @ClimateReality.