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Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources

My name is Carolyn Partridge and I live in Senator Prozanski's district. I am writing in support of SB 85-1.

There is no need to repeat the many facts, charts and personal stories already submitted in favor of the bill. Suffice it to say that water consumption and pollution, along with air quality are all crucial factors when considering the need to regulate CAFOs.

I would like to highlight the testimony of former Governor Kulongoski who stressed the importance of the moratorium amendment to the bill. He cited the 2007 history of SB 235, which formed a task force to study emissions from dairy operations, but did not include a moratorium on new sitings or expansions. He pointed out that:

1. "The study required by SB 235 resulted in a lot of words but little, if any, action on behalf of the public."
2. "There needed to be pressure on the government and the polluters to find a way to reduce dairy emissions."

Fifteen years have passed and the problems associated with CAFOs are growing. Please move this bill forward for the sake of neighboring communities, ecosystems, and our climate.

Respectfully,  
Carolyn Partridge

This may be outside your jurisdiction as legislators, but all of us should consider whether it is necessary to raise animals with the inhumane practices of factory farming. It may be legal but it is not moral. Perhaps there are too many people eating too many animal products.