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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Christy Thompson and I live in Hood River. I am writing to you today in support of a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. We must take action to halt the expansion of factory farming in our state until we have protections in place for the environment, animal welfare, family farms, and frontline communities. Here are a couple of concerns to consider:

1. These gigantic facilities are often owned by out of state folks who don't invest in my community
2. These facilities come in with a lot of money and take up EFU zoned land and designated High Value Soils. They outbid local, small and midsize farmers and then don't use the land for its intended purpose. You don't need High Value Soils to build a warehouse full of 125,000 chickens, and the compaction/damage to the soil will take decades to undo.
3. We envision Oregon as a place where small family farms enhance rural economic stability and provide the basis for thriving and vibrant rural communities.
4. Oregonians know that a healthy food system is integral to the wellbeing of our communities, our agriculture, and our state.
5. All Oregonians have a right to clean air, water, and food.
6. This scale of industrial production takes more than its fair share of water resources.

Thank you for your consideration,

Christy Thompson