

Submitter: Andy VanderPlaat
On Behalf Of: Self and family
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB85

We strongly oppose SB85. We operate a small cattle operation near Pendleton, Oregon. Our two daughters are also involved in larger cattle operations in our area. We sell the majority of the cattle we produce to feedlots in our area. The majority of the feedlots we deal with have CAFO's and family owned operations that are not factory farms or factory feedlots. In fact over 90% of the operations in Oregon under an existing CAFOs are family operations.

The proposed moratorium would place these operations in an untenable situation and likely force them out of business. The majority are in very rural areas and those operations support many other families by providing good paying jobs. The current system is working very well with very few violations so there is no reason for additional regulations or moratoriums. This bill would cause severe financial hardship on not only the CAFO operations but those operations and communities that depend on them such as ours.

Beef cattle, dairy, any one raising livestock including our 4H and FFA kids will be adversely affected by SB85.

Our ranchers and feedlots are good stewards of the land, water and our livestock. We strongly urge you to oppose SB85 as it is detrimental to our communities, families and Oregon agriculture. Thank you, Andy and Karen VanderPlaat