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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Dear Chair Golden, and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,
My name is David Tvedt and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

I am writing to you today in support of a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I think it is crucial that we halt the expansion of factory farming in our state. I personally favor a ban, but a moratorium that does further study could provide enough further evidence that they should not be allowed to expand in Oregon. Factory farms create many adverse conditions that are very difficult to mitigate and regulations that try to provide protections for the environment, animal welfare, family farms, and frontline communities almost always prove grossly inadequate.

I have seen firsthand some of the atrocious conditions that factory farms create for communities, adjacent farms and residents, working conditions, and water and air quality. I have traveled through many other states that have not limited factory farms, along with visiting relatives in other states who live right next to them. Air quality so bad it was hard to breath, with your eyes burning at the same time. Oregon needs at least a moratorium on the expansion of factory farms for the additional following reasons:

- Factory farms use inordinate amounts of water that can deprive other farms and nearby residents of adequate amounts, along with polluting their water supply.
- I would like to see Oregon support small family farms that enhance rural economies and communities, and not damage them like factory farms do.
- More and more Oregonians are wanting community based agriculture that supports family farms and that delivers safe, healthy food. My spouse and I will not buy any food that comes from factory farms.
- Factory farms monopolize meat processing infrastructure and make it harder for independent farmers to find processing. They also attract more contract only processing facilities to the state not open to other farmers. These facilities disincentivize plants from working with small farmers, limiting their options even more.

-These facilities often come in with a lot of money and take up EFU zoned land and designated High Value Soils. They can 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 or have a huge cattle feedlot.

I strongly urge you to vote for SB 85 in the 2023 Legislative Session. Let's protect Oregon from the inevitable damages caused by multiplying factory farms.

Sincerely,

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