

Date:

March 14, 2023

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Lisa Davis

Re: Support for SB 85- the factory farm moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden, and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Lisa, and I live in rural Oregon near Creswell.

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.

I oppose factory farms for many reasons. Briefly, they include:

First of all, it is cruel to animals to keep them in confined spaces, unable to engage in their natural behaviors.

Secondly, it is healthier for humans to eat animals and animal products that come from small farms that feed their animals a species appropriate diet and where animals get sunlight and exercise.

Third, by concentrating their production and putting strain on local infrastructure, factory farms unfairly compete against small family farms.

Fourth, factory farms centralize animal manure, making it a hazardous product instead of spread across the land as beautiful fertilizer as it should be.

I personally go to great lengths to get to know my local farmers and to buy quality animal foods. These local farmers deserve our support.

I urge you to vote for SB 85 in the 2023 Legislative Session to protect our small and mid-sized socially and ecologically responsible family farms in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Lisa Davis