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On Behalf Of:

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Attention-

I'm sure by now you have heard about the large chicken factories that Foster Farms wants to build in Oregon. I am most aware and concerned about the mega chicken factories planned for the J-S Ranch near Jefferson and Scio, the factory planned on Porter Rd Stayton and the Evergreen Ranch on Thomas Drive Scio, plus others that are being constructed throughout Oregon.

I am a farmer and a community member living up Thomas Creek Drive Scio where one of these mega CAFOs is preposed to being constructed.—First of all the high-value farm land of approximately 60 acres will have the top-soil scraped off to be replaced with gravel to build this poultry factory. Losing the property value of the land.

Another factor is open floors to these factories allowing large volumes of nitrates and contaminates to leach into the soil when it rains., and is sloped as a natural drainage area to Thomas Creek, an unknown stream picked up off the spring drainage and dumps into Thomas Creek at a couple hundred yards,

Third, an elementary school is half a mile to the South. A North wind could blow strong ammonia fumes to expose the the young children's lings.

Fourth fish are in danger if the contaminants get too concentrated polluting streams such as Thomas Creek and the Santiam.

We need to act now, and have more regulations.

Sincerely,

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