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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Sirs and Madams,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify regarding SB 85.

As a long time citizen of Scio, I wish to thank Senator Golden for his amendment limiting SB 85 to poultry. Based on testimony from others, I am fine with limiting the Bill to poultry, but am concerned that allowing Tier 1 CAFOs to continue will allow farmers to build 349,000 chickens per site and they have only to wait out the 2 years to add more chickens and build a larger facility. We're allowing them to begin creating a problem before the matter is fully investigated. I therefore request that Tier 1 CAFOs be included in the moratorium. Additionally, it seems unlikely that State Agencies and the Legislature could craft a law to fix the CAFOs problem in 2 years. I therefore request that the Legislature place a 5 year moratorium on any CAFOs in order to allow sufficient time to fix the problem before it begins.

Due to the seriousness of this matter, I sincerely hope The Oregon Legislature will either ban poultry CAFOs altogether or provide environmental and health protections to protect our fine State.

Sincerely,
Jocelyn Wagner