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On Behalf Of: Indivisible Clackamas
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB85

Re: Support for the EIGHT year moratorium on ALL factory farms

Dear Senators,

Constituents took time and traveled to testify about SB 85, OVER-FILLING THE ROOM, because of concerns about the environmental impact on our communities from factory farms. In response, you propose slashing the bill from eight years to two and and eliminating the moratorium on all factory farms except poultry???

Oregon's largest mega-dairies produce 17 million kilograms of methane every year. That is the greenhouse gas equivalent of 318,000 cars on the road. These dairies use 8 million gallons of water a day, just for washing cows and for drinking water. Oregon is moving deeper into drought each year.

Two years would not be enough time to make any meaningful regulatory changes. A longer moratorium will give legislators and regulators an overdue opportunity to evaluate the public health, economic, animal welfare, and environmental impacts of factory farms while providing Oregon's most impacted communities with relief from further harm.

I urge you to pass the complete moratorium with the eight year time frame.

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