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I am writing in support SB 85, the full 5 year moratorium on mega-farms in Oregon.

I listened to the testimonies at the last hearing and was particularly interested in what the farming community had to say. After all, they do provide the rest of us with our food.

What struck me most is who testified: Farmers a good distance from the proposed site, those whose communities, homes and environment would NOT be affected by the impacts of living near a factory farm, are all about financial potential of expanding. The only farmers who DID NOT want Foster Farms to come to Oregon are the ones who would be located close to the operation.

That, my fellow citizens, says it all. Even farmers do not want a factory farm in their neighborhood. They know it contaminates their land, depletes their water supplies, perfumes their air. They know that Foster Farms will not be held to the same DEQ standards to which they must comply, even in their own homes. They know... this is not a level playing field.

And let's be clear. This is not about chickens. It is about LARGE FARMING operations. So don't be derailed by taking cows out of the mix. Let's do our homework, fix the laws thoroughly, and then consider how we want to move forward.

Please support the future of our citizens and our land. Support the full 5 year moratorium.