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I appreciate Senator Golden for working to bring this bill to the floor. I support SB 85 and the -1 amendment While it would be preferable to apply the legislation to all CAFO's, this could be a good place to begin. The legislation for Tier 2 poultry should be no less than 5 years if it is to have any real effect. 2 years is not enough to make any substantial change

in the industry. If the bill should move forward with the -2, it should include Tier 1 poultry CAFOs as well because limiting this moratorium to Tier 2 CAFOs for such a short duration of time will not be protective enough.

With the myriad problems we are facing to our land and water use, CAFO's if allowed to continue, must be firmly regulated. Being 73 years of age at this point, I firmly believe that the many political problems we have these days, the anger and resentments come in good part from the loss of the family farms, the destruction of small rural community economic base, all due to industrialization of agriculture including the creation of CAFO's.

We are at a breaking point. If we learn to respect and carefully manage our lands and the animals we depend on for food, many of our water, soil, and climate challenges will right themselves. Please pass this important bill as a start in that direction.