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I am writing in support of a full factory farm moratorium as proposed in SB 85-1. The - 3 amendments cannot be allowed to pass.

These amendments are unjust: by removing mega-dairies, the bill as amended sacrifices predominantly low-income communities and communities of color in eastern Oregon that are already struggling with nitrate-laden drinking water from mega-dairies and industrial food processing. Over the last few years, the Lost Valley Farm mega-dairy was shut down after racking up over 200 environmental violations within its first year of operations, and the proposed Easterday Farms mega-dairy has been mired in scandal since the beginning.

It's very clear that the harm factory farms inflict on Oregon is not just a chicken issue. It's appalling that the legislature would enact a moratorium on chicken factory farms while allowing mega-dairies to expand unchecked in parts of the state where they predominantly harm environmental justice communities.