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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Dear Senate Committee and Natural Resources:

I support the moratorium but want to discourage the AMENDMENT to bill SB 85. Allowing permits and planning of any kind to continue indicates that the CAFO's will be approved and sets a legal precedent.

Why allow a project to obtain permissions and permits when it may not be allowed? If 2 years is not enough time to amend laws pertaining to water usage, pollution prevention and proper land use location for large farming practices, allowing the permits gives false hope and is possibly a lawsuit waiting to happen. It costs the companies to plan. Why create this when the outcome is unknown? Please review this amendment with careful consideration. Allow enough time to fully review the affects of where and how the CAFO's can succeed without causing disruption to neighbors and towns. The future of Oregon and the possibility of it turning into states like Iowa with few small farms operating are not what most Oregonians want. Our state has amazing natural resources and should fairly distribute and protect them for residents, small farms and large farms. This will take careful planning. I urge you to consider the future of our state. Thank you.