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Do not weaken SB 85. Omitting mega-dairies is not acceptable because they pose an increased risk to the health of our communities and environment. Furthermore, removing mega-dairies hurts low-income communities in eastern Oregon that are already struggling with nitrate-laden drinking water from mega-dairies and industrial food processing.

Cattle and Mega-dairies are a huge part of the problem: Each year livestock emits 7.1 gigatonnes of CO₂-equivalents per year which is 14.5% of all anthropogenically created greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions globally. Cattle make up 9% of total livestock emissions globally. In Oregon, agriculture is a leading source of methane emissions.