We write in support of SB 85-1 the full factory farm moratorium. We firmly oppose SB 85-2.

The amended bill, Senate Bill 85-2, has gutted a critical bill.

f SB 85-2 moves forward it will do nothing to address mega-dairy farms like Lost Valley [–]arm which racked up over 200 environmental violations in its first year of operating before being finally shut down by regulators, or the proposed Easterday Farms megadairy, which is violating groundwater pollution limits even with no animals yet on site.

Leaving mega-dairies out of this bill is unacceptable. Mega-dairies pose a real risk to the nealth and safety of our communities and the environment. Mega-dairies threaten 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. For these reasons, there is huge support for a full factory farm moratorium as proposed in SB 85-1.

Please support SB 85-1 and oppose SB-2.

Thank you,

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