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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB85

I am writing in STRONG support of SB 85-1, and STRONG opposition to SB 85-3.

In the short term, CAFO's pollute local air and water resources, monopolize infrastructure such as meat packaging and local water, and put small and medium Oregon farms under unfair competition and distress. This leads to a harmful economic effects for our rural farm communities, as well as degradation of Oregon land, air and water. In the long term and short term, we are in a Climate Crisis! We are heading way beyond 1.5 degree increase and many experts believe we are locked into a 6 degree increase if we do nothing but keep on doing what we are doing. Cows release great amounts of methane by their natural digestive processes, even under the best circumstances, Cow CAFO's are the worst circumstances for Cows, Oregon land, and Climate. We need to do all we can to not increase the consumption of beef and diary products, 85-1 is a wise bill to help us move in the right direction. SB 85-3 is a losing game for Oregon and our global climate catastrophe.

Thank you, Harriet Cooke, MD, MPH