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My name is Jake Vaage and I am a lifelong Oregon resident and small business owner.

Please pass this bill as originally written (SB 85-1). Chickens are only part of the problem. We can not allow any more CAFOs to poison Oregon's air, water, soil, and people. These mega-dairies and other large-scale animal farming facilities effects 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.

The latest IPPC report (synthesis report) that was just released states that we need to take urgent and drastic action now to stay under the 1.5-degree Celsius limit. We are currently at 1.1 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. Cutting methane (80x warming potential of CO2) is one of our biggest opportunities to slow warming in the next 15 years. In Oregon, agriculture is a leading source of methane emissions.

There is widespread support for a full factory farm moratorium as proposed in SB 85-1 as 600 people submitted testimony in support of this bill. Please listen to the residents of Oregon and pass SB 85-1.