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Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB85

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Martin Donohoe, MD

Re: Support for SB85-1, the factory farm moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, I am a physician, educator, textbook author, television host, and public health professional who lives in Oregon and has worked for many years with the American Public Health Association to support safer factory farms.

As such, I support a strong factory farm moratorium in Oregon. I support the -1 amendment to SB 85 and oppose the -3 amendment.

The harms factory farms inflict on Oregon are not just a chicken issue. We need a strong moratorium bill that would halt the spread of mega-dairies in eastern Oregon and protect environmental justice communities nearby, which are already struggling with the health impacts of heavily contaminated drinking water and other pollution. Factory farm pollution affects not only water, but air, and has been linked to multiple health problems, which I see in my practice of medicine.

Leaving mega-dairies out of the bill is an appalling environmental injustice at a time when impacted communities in eastern Oregon need urgent help. Oregon needs a time-out on factory farms, and that must be a full factory farm moratorium as proposed in SB 85-1. Please support SB 85-1.

Sincerely,

Martin Donohoe, MD FACP

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