

I am a farmer in the Willamette Valley, and I oppose SB 85.

Please stop targeting our farms with unnecessary regulations. The CAFO program is a federal and state regulatory program that is highly structured and regulated already and holds the farmers to the highest environmental standards. There is no evidence from ODA that any of our operations are causing environmental issues or adverse impacts. There is no reason to suspend any permitting.

Oregon has regulatory tools to protect water quality and quantity and they are working.

There is no reason to put moratoriums in effect if they are not necessary and there are not any facts to support a moratorium. Advocates seeking to restrict animal agriculture without any scientific or environmental basis are unlikely to stop at poultry farms and will put all of our producers and local supply chains at risk.

SB 85 threatens to drive up already sky-high food prices, increase carbon emissions, and force an over reliance on out-of-state food suppliers.

Chicken farms are not factories, they are farms. The health and wellbeing of the chickens and the environment in which they are raised is of utmost importance to the farmers who raise them.

I urge you to OPPOSE SB 85. Thank you.