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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Emily Polanshek, retired from Canby School District, resident of Portland, mother and grandmother. I am also an active volunteer for climate solutions with OLCV, MCAT and 350pdx.

I write in strong support of SB 85-1 to enact a Factory Farm Moratorium. I strongly oppose the -3 amendment that greatly diminishes the effectiveness of SB 85 in scope (moratorium only on CAFOs raising chickens), time (moratorium only 2 years) and ability to study.

I support a robust moratorium on new factory farms, expansion of existing ones, plus adequate time and funding for meaningful studies to help our state develop policies to better manage our rural lands. Here are my chief concerns:

- Oregon must not let large corporations put smaller farms at a competitive disadvantage.
- Factory farms should not be given unlimited water rights over smaller farms and we must protect ground water, streams and drinking water from pollutants.
- All living beings need clean air, free of chemicals and particulate matter. We should listen to the concerns of Oregonians living and going to school in areas where new CAFOs are proposed.
- Large factory farm operations generate large amounts of climate pollution, methane chief among them. Please help Oregon do its part to avoid entering the next, more extreme, stage of the climate crisis.

Recently, I have learned that proposed new CAFOs would occupy land with very fertile soil that could be better used for growing plant crops rather than raising animals.

Help protect the health of our rural communities, workers, and the environment upon which we all depend. Clean water, clean air, clean soil and reduction of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere; all are essential to support life as we know it.

Please advance SB 85-1 and put the brakes on SB 85-3.

Thank you.