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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources  
Measure: SB85  
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To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Carina Hults-Mann

Re: Support for SB 85- the factory farm moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden, and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Carina Hults-mann, and I live in Eugene.

I am writing to you today in support of a factory farm moratorium in Oregon. We must take action to halt the expansion of factory farming in our state until we have protections in place for the environment, animal welfare, family farms, and frontline communities. SB 85-1 is necessary to properly regulate factory farms and protect our rural communities. The -3 amendment does not go far enough and cannot be allowed to stand as our only way forward. I urge the committee to support the strongest version of this bill and vote SB 85-1 out of your committee.

These facilities come in with a lot of money and take up EFU zoned land and designated High Value Soils. They outbid local, small and midsize farmers and then don't use the land for its intended purpose. You don't need High Value Soils to build a warehouse full of 125,000 chickens, and the compaction/damage to the soil will take decades to undo. Not to mention the inhumane treatment of animals that often happens at these factory farms. This land should be an option for small farms that actually want to build the soil and ecosystem, not abuse the water rights and resources. We want to leave the land in better condition than when they purchased it so that our future generations can still utilize it when their time comes.

I urge you to vote for SB 85 with the -1 amendment in the 2023 Legislative Session to protect our small and midsized socially and ecologically responsible family farms in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Carina Hults-Mann

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