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On Behalf Of:

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I am a resident of Florence, Oregon writing in support of the factory farm moratorium bill, HB 85-1, before it was amended based on industry pressure. The original bill tackles the issue in a way that honors the intention of preserving family farms and preventing the grave environmental damages large-scale farming produces.

Oregon's farmland is too rare and precious a resource to handover to those who will strip it of its health and vitality in the name of profit for an industry that shows no regard for its impacts on the people, animals, existing farms, and the environment. The harm from large-scale farming spreads far beyond the boundaries of factory farms. There is much that would be lost forever, if industry is allowed to trim HB-85-1 down to the bones, leaving the bill toothless and ineffective to curb the worst factory farm industries from locating in our state.

I appreciate all it has taken to draft the strong and effective limits to factory farm development set in HB-85-1. I support the bill as it was written as it truly can protect family farms and our farmlands from exploitation by industries that care nothing for the health and well-being of Oregon's people and its land.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.