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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: SB85

Thank you chair Lieber, members of the committee for the opportunity to submit public comment in support of SB 85 -4. My name is Robyn Orr. I am a mother of two children that attend Lourdes Public Charter School in Scio, which is threatened by massive Foster Farms chicken operations.

It's absolutely unconscionable that a giant multinational corporation can stick a mega factory farm right next to my kids' school without so much as a review — when any local business or even an addition on my property has to go through 12 rounds of bureaucracy. The proposed Evergreen Ranch would be a disaster for the Jordan community.

The -4 amendment is a great start in tightening up the language of our existing regulations and closing the loopholes in Oregon's CAFO regulations that have become evident through this process and I appreciate the significant work of Senator Dembrow and Golden to listen to the concerns of community members and work with us to find a solution. While not perfect, the -4 amendment is a step in the right direction to protect communities from the negative impact of industrial farms, like the poultry operations seeking to site next to our homes, schools, churches, rivers and creeks.

I urge you to support the -4 amendment as it is a compromise that will balance protecting rural communities and our land and water while not being burdensome to small and mid-sized family farms and ranchers. Please vote yes on -4 and pass it out of committee. Thank you.