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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SB85

Thank You chair Lieberman, members of the committee for the opportunity to submit public comment in support of SB 85-4. My name is Tina Volpa. I am a community member and the owner of a small farm in the community for the past 41 years. Being threatened by massive Foster Farms chicken operations is devastating to me and my husband.

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 if committee.

Thank You