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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure: SB85

Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules:

I am writing in support of stronger regulations for factory farms in Oregon. Specifically, I support SB 85-1, which would allow ample time for responsible policy to be developed. However, I am willing to support SB 85-4 as a starting point for addressing some of the most immediate impacts of the influx of factory farms we are seeing 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. But we must also keep working on the current proposal to make sure it does not put a new burden on small farmers for the sake of allowing large CAFOs to produce more waste than they can handle.

The enormous scale of industrial livestock production takes more than its fair share of water resources. These facilities are also moving into areas that are not suited to this type of industrial agriculture. Larger setbacks from homes, schools, community gathering places and fish bearing streams are essential to protecting local environments and keeping our rural communities healthy and safe.

I urge you to continue to work with Friends of Family Farmers and their coalition members to craft stronger regulation for the largest CAFOs in the 2023 session, in order to protect small and mid-sized socially and ecologically responsible family farms in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jaffee