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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 Jocelyn Wagner, I have had the good fortune of living near Scio on Thomas Creek for over 35 years and have enjoyed swimming in the creek and watching wildlife frequent it's banks and waters. All of this has been threatened by massive Foster Farms chicken operations and, I fear, any other future applicant for similar poultry operations.

I appreciate the -4 amendment for 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. Sincerely, Jocelyn H. Wagner