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To: Senate Committee on Rules

Please support factory farm reform in Oregon. Although SB 85-1 was passed to give ample time for responsible policy direction, SB 85-4 is a start to addressing some of the most immediate impacts of the influx of factory farms we are seeing in our state. 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.

All Oregonians have a right to clean air, water, and food. The scale of industrial production takes more than its fair share of water resources.

Climate change is already impacting my farm in Clatsop County and large facilities are making the problem worse.

Oregon is a place where small family farms enhance rural economic stability and provide the basis for thriving and vibrant rural communities.

Oregonians know that a healthy food system is integral to the well being of our communities, our agriculture, and our state.

Oregonians want community-based agriculture that delivers safe food to all Oregonians. We sell everything we grow to local community members -- supporting food security in Clatsop County.

Factory farms monopolize meat processing infrastructure and make it harder for independent farmers to find processing. They also attract more contract-only processing facilities to the state not open to other farmers. I have to make my appointment one year in advance for processing and drive over 100 miles. These facilities disincentivize plants from working with small farmers like me, limiting my options even more.

These facilities are moving into areas that are not suited to this type of industrial agriculture. Setbacks from homes, schools, community gathering places and fish

bearing streams are essential to keeping our rural communities healthy and vital.

Please continue to work with Friends of Family Farmers and their coalition members to craft strong regulation for the largest CAFOs in the 2023 Legislative Session to protect our small and mid-sized socially and ecologically responsible family farms in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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