

Submitter: Cherie Campbell  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: SB85

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

My name is Cherie Campbell and I live in Redmond.

I am writing to you today in support of a factory farm reform in Oregon. Although I would prefer that SB 85-1 was passed to give ample time for responsible policy direction, I want to voice my support for SB 85-4 as 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.

Lumping small family farms (that serve our local economy and provide food that Oregon can be proud of) in with Industrial Agribusiness will have far-reaching negative consequences because small farms have vastly different impacts on the local food economy, the landscape, and the measurable quality of our land, air and water.

When Industrial Agribusiness moves in, we're also at higher risk of losing our farmland, while Oregon residents lose quality of life due to pollution and environmental degradation.

Industrial Agribusiness and factory meat production is NOT farming. Conflating the two is disastrous for Oregon farmers AND Oregon.

Industrial Agribusiness needs its own laws and permit processes to operate which considers the impacts on our state and our natural resources. Our markets are mostly local, while Industrial Ag and factory farms serve national and international markets. It doesn't follow logic that small farms and the laws that protect us and our rural communities be applied to the grand scale levels Industrial Agribusiness operates at. For communities, small farms are a positive and we and our farmlands deserve protection from the impact of Large Scale Agribusiness. I implore you not to CONFUSE us with them.

The water we pollute is the water we drink. The air we pollute is the air we breathe. This is borderline suicidal and the product of a society does not value it's own health,

the health of the people and the land, as well as our longevity.

I urge you to 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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