

# Elizabeth Warren and Ro Khanna Co-Sponsor Cory Booker's Farm System Reform Act

Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) have announced that they will co-sponsor the Farm System Reform Act (FSRA) introduced by Cory Booker (D-NJ). Khanna also introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives. The FSRA is designed to move the United States agricultural system away from factory farming by immediately stopping the construction of new factory farms, the expansion of existing farms, and phasing out the largest farms by 2040. Booker initially proposed the legislation in December of 2019, and the current pandemic-induced food system woes and COVID-19 have inspired Senator Warren and Representative Khanna to show their support for the legislation.

*For years, regulators looked the other way while giant multinational corporations crushed competition in the agriculture sector and seized control over key markets...The COVID-19 crisis will make it easier for Big Ag to get even bigger, gobble up smaller farms, and lead to fewer choices for consumers..."*

*Senator Elizabeth Warren*

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The Farm System Reform Act also includes a \$100 Billion voluntary buyout program for contract farmers who want to move away from factory farming, strengthens family farmer and rancher protections, prohibits the USDA from labeling imported

meat as Product of the U.S.A., and reinstitutes mandatory country of origin labeling for beef, pork, and dairy.

*Our food system was not broken by the pandemic and it was not broken by independent family farmers...It was broken by large, multinational corporations like Tyson, Smithfield, and JBS that, because of their buying power and size, have undue influence over the marketplace and over public policy.”*

*Senator Cory Booker*

**Sources:**

- *Elizabeth Warren Backs Cory Booker’s Bill to Shut Down Factory Farms – Veg News*
- *Sen. Cory Booker Just Dropped a Bill That Includes First-Ever National Factory Farm Moratorium – Food and Water Watch*