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To: Senate Committee on Rural Communities and Economic Development
State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2393

Chair Roblan and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony supporting HB 2393, legislation to clarify that processing up to 1000 poultry on a farm is an allowed use. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities, protect family farms and forests, and provide transportation and housing choice.

Agriculture is Oregon's second largest industry: 1 out of 8 jobs in this state is agriculture-related, and the industry is directly and indirectly linked to about \$22 billion in sales of goods and services, accounting for 15% of the statewide total of sales involving all industry sectors. Agriculture is traded-sector – 80% is sold out of state with 40% exported out of the country, bringing new dollars into Oregon. And those figures have been increasing almost steadily for two decades, which is not a story any other industry can tell.

1000 Friends of Oregon believes that agricultural land should stay in agricultural use to support Oregon's second largest industry. Normally, expanding the list of allowed uses on farm lands does not serve the agricultural community and results in taking more farm lands out of farm use. However, this small scale processing of poultry is supportive of farmers and the agricultural community. As such, 1000 Friends of Oregon supports HB 2393.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven D. McCoy".

Steven D. McCoy
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