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To Whom It May Concern;

This letter is to advocate for the change in policy concerning abandoned houses on farm property.

My sons and I are third and fourth generation farmers in Oregon. We own a piece of property in Washington County that we also farm as part of our family farm.

The property has an abandoned house on it that is beyond repair (uninhabitable).

At this time the property is not eligible for a building permit, to replace the existing structure. Our goal is not development of this farm ground. Our goal is simply to replace what already exists there. Our plan is to plant more blueberries there as part of our farming operation. It would be much more advantageous to have a home there with activity, and inhabitants. A dwelling there would help to detour the constant vandalism and keep a close eye/evaluation of status with the blueberries. A blueberry field needs keen observation, with predators, bird control, heat protection, irrigation and vandalism issues.

We thank you for your consideration, and ask for your support in changing this policy.

Sincerely,

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