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February 23, 2015

Senator Floyd Prozanski
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary

RE: Senate Bill 86

Honorable Prozanski and Committee Members:

I would like to express my support for Senate Bill 86, to allow a firearms training facility on land zoned exclusive farm use, forest and/or mixed farm and forest. The bill proposes that the use be allowed under ORS 215.283(2) a conditional use permit process, which would require the county to develop a list of appropriate siting standards to insure compatibility, safety, protection of neighboring property owners, etc. As written, the bill also gives counties the option to not permit the facilities if they choose to not have such facilities in their respective county.

Safety training for use of firearms is of premier importance. Training is essential for law enforcement personnel, State Department of Fish & Wildlife and for hunting and recreational users. I encourage you to support SB 86.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George L. Murdock".

George L. Murdock, Chair
Umatilla County Board of Commissioners

Cc: Senator Hansell
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