



# WOODEN SHOE TULIP FARM

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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Barb Iverson, Co-owner of Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm. Our farm is a third generation family farm. We started our Tulip Festival 31 years ago as a roadside stand. This year we anticipate that over 150,000 visitors from all over the world will visit our farm. It truly has turned into an international event.

Over the past 31 years, our farm has addressed a number of issues, from how to separate cars from foot traffic to using hazelnut shells to minimize falls when it rains. We have an emergency action plan and post signs on our property warning people that they are entering an area with uneven ground. Even with all our caution, we usually end up calling 911 2 or 3 times a season. Most of these are for falls on the uneven ground, something we try to minimize but can't completely control.

While this bill won't eliminate the possibility of these suits, it will help advise our visitors that we don't have control over everything. I do however, like the exceptions, in this bill. For example, if injury should happen because of faulty equipment, we should be liable.

I also believe that this bill will help other agritourism operations get a start. This is an industry with tremendous opportunity and of great value to the state of Oregon. In the last two days I have spoken with people from Florida and Massachusetts that came to Oregon to view our tulips instead of Holland because overall, Oregon has so much to offer. Please help advance this industry with your support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Barb Iverson

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