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Senator Prozanski , Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR

Re: Support for SB 341

Dear Senator Prozanski,

I have given testimony several times over the past four years in front of your Judiciary Committee expressing my interest in the passage of an Agritourism Limited Liability bill. I currently run a farm stay at my sheep farm, with guests from all over the country and all over the world, but the majority of who come right from our state. I feel I provide a great service to my guests: allowing them to roam freely on our farm, participate in activities with us, eat food pulled fresh from the garden, educate their children (and often themselves) about rural life.

However, every time I allow people onto my farm, I put myself at risk. I hope you and your committee will see fit to move this bill through so it can come forward for a vote, if not in this session then in the next. This bill does many things, but first and foremost it recognizes that agritourism is an economic driver for our rural areas and a strong component of Oregon tourism if farmers felt they could get the insurance they need and a message to post at their farm backed by a limited liability bill.

I am in support of SB 341 and I hope you and your committee will reconsider the positive impact this bill could have for our state, for our rural areas, and for our farms.

Sincerely,

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