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To: HECDT Exhibits
Subject: SB 677

To Whom it may Concern,

I'm writing to you in favor of passing SB 677 dealing with cidery operations on Exclusive Farm Use properties. My husband and I own Art+Science, a cider & wine company in Yamhill County, and I am in favor of SB 677 passing into law. We have been successfully growing our business for five years and have plans in the works for an orchard expansion, cidery & tasting room on our farm.

In our county, we have seen the positive impact of wineries and winery events as a huge bonus to economic development of the region; I think the burgeoning cider industry could have the same impact. The dollars from agritourism events help farmers survive by increasing direct to consumer sales and have a positive economic impact on local communities when tourists stop for gas, lunch, supplies and hotels. The ability to sell farm based, value added products direct to consumers and the ability to market those products is critical in the survival of the modern farm.

Thank you for your consideration,

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