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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony on SB 1533-~~4031~~

Senator Dembrow and Members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resource:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1533, a bill relating to the siting of equine-therapy facilities as a conditional use on farmland. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice.

We support this bill because we believe the treatments in question, which incorporate and work in conjunction with agricultural uses, enhance the quality of life for numerous Oregonians in need while protecting farm and ranch lands. We have worked in conjunction with the proponent of the bill and the Oregon Farm Bureau to get to the language in the -3 amendments. We hope the Committee will vote in the -3 amendments to SB 1533. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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