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House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony on HB 4031 -1 amendments (Small Scale Processing)

We have just seen the -1 amendment to HB 4031, which relates to small scale agricultural processing on farmland. While we support processing agricultural products on farmlands by producers, at this point we have concerns about this amendment. It appears to limit the ability of counties to put any standards on processing facilities. We are also unclear about what the bill's impact would be on subsequent enforcement by the county. We are committed to working through these issues with the proponents of the amendment, but at this point we are not supportive of the amendment as proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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