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To: Oregon House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

I am writing to express my support House Bills 3085, 3090, and 3091, which are coming up for hearings this week. I have have a small farm, and I sell my products (grains, flour, and some vegetables) in local Farmers' Market. Through my participation in farmers' markets, I have become acquainted with a number of young people just starting out in farming. From my conversations with them, it is clear that access to land and capital are serious barriers for beginning farmers. All three of these bills will improve their ability to overcome the financial barriers to getting started, and so I urge you to send them to the full House with an enthusiastic recommendation for passage.

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