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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2787

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Dear Chair Witt and Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Amy Wong and I am the Policy Director at Friends of Family Famers, a farmer-led non-profit organization that has advocated on behalf of socially and environmentally responsible farmers and ranchers across Oregon for over 15 years.

Friends of Family Famers is supportive of the State Meat Inspection Program and the suite of bills introduced this session to help make the program a lasting success.

In terms of HB 2787, which directs DEQ, in consult with ODA, to study laws related to permitting of animal rendering facilities, **Friends of Family Farmers believes this should be expanded to include studying the laws pertaining to slaughter waste disposal systems and composting of slaughter waste.**

Thank you for taking on the important topic of rendering in light of the new State Meat Inspection Program.

We urge you to consider HB2787, with a slightly expanded scope, to take into consideration deeper aspects of rendering.

Sincerely,

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