

To Natural Resources Subcommittee, Joint Ways and Means Committee

I am a small scale family farmer in the Willamette Valley. I am writing to oppose the cut in the department's Natural Resources Division LF expenditure \$317,594 for the biennium, as identified in Package 090, in the Analyst Adjustments section that will leave a vital manager role in the ODA unfunded.

I recently completed a Landowner Assistance Program with my local Soil and Water Conservation District and appreciate the work they do very much. Many critical and urgently needed programs such as wildfire prevention, wildfire restoration, Climate mitigation work on the ground with landowners, etc., have recently been added to the the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. But these new programs do not have the necessary support at the state level through ODA. Given that the impact of wildfires and climate change will become more and more devastating in the coming years, we must be forward looking and take necessary actions now to mitigate these damages to the livelihood of Oregonian farmers.

I urge you to provide this funding to help safeguard the Oregonian agricultural sector.