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Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1

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Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 is opposed to SB775 as passed by the Oregon State Senate and sent to the Oregon House of Representatives. We support the efforts of the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District to defeat this bill. The members of the Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 are currently attending the Oregon State Grange Convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds and are seeking the concurrence of the Oregon State Grange in opposition to SB775. This entirely at-large approach for counties over 250,000 in population will end up favoring metropolitan areas within these districts and will leave rural areas completely unrepresented.

The goal of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is to promote and assist in voluntary natural resource conservation, which requires working with both urban and rural citizens.

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Clackamas County Pomona Grange #1 is a part of The National Grange, which was established in 1867, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit fraternal organization, and is the oldest agricultural and rural community service organization. With more than 1500 local chapters, the Grange has evolved into the nation's leading rural advocacy organization and a major benefactor to local communities. There are more than 160,000 members across the United States. For more information on the National Grange, visit our website at [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org).