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On Behalf Of:

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As Restaurant Manager at Buoy Beer Co., a mid-size brewery and full-service seafood –focused restaurant in Astoria and we strongly support the passing of HB 2909. We have been working with the OCVA to form new relationships with the smaller seafood farmers and producers. We have learned that it is not so easy to support these smaller businesses due to logistical/staffing/supply chain issues. For example, last summer I was personally driving to Tillamook (90 miles & 1.5 hours each way) to pick up oysters from a small business oyster farmer because we wanted to support him and the quality product he helps produce out of Netarts Bay.

There is an abundance of untapped resources in our area that we as restaurants are eager to explore and add to our offerings.

I strongly believe the OCVA has the right people in place and now is the time to make the move to strengthen our food supply chains on the Oregon Coast.

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