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To: Senator Golden & members of the committee

From: Peter Kenagy , Kenagy Family Farm Inc

Legislative chair 22/23 OISC

I speak in support of SB 899. The OISC is a critical part of our states efforts to prevent and mitigate the challenges we face from invasive species.

It is made up of representatives from multiple state agencies and a small number of regional representatives from the public. Of which I am one.

It provides a critical link in the communication and coordination between multiple agencies. A way to educate the public and thru its emergency fund a way to address emerging threats in a timely manner.

As a public member for the last few years it has been frustrating that our emergency fund has been depleted to the point that if an emerging crisis appears that could be addressed quickly we don't have the resources to respond.

It is my hope that you all would support this bill , fully fund the administrative costs and actually increase the amount dedicated to the OISC emergency fund from 80,000 to something over 500,000.

Early Detection Rapid Response, is far and away the most effective and cost efficient way to address invasive species. And prevent future economic and ecological costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

PS I had signed up to testify at this mornings hearing but never received the link to be able to do it. I listened to the live stream and heard you call my name, but had no way to speak up.