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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Mathew Trotman from Southern Oregon. I am a second-generation potato farmer in the Klamath Basin. On our farm we grow organic fresh table stock potatoes, chipping potatoes and seed potatoes. We operate and manage two potato packing and processing sheds in the Merrill/Malin area. Potatoes play a vital role in our business and crop rotation. Without potatoes, our farm would be significantly different.

My hometown of Merrill hosts an annual potato festival to celebrate the end of potato harvest. Farmers and farm workers from all over the area come to enjoy a parade, concerts, a free barbeque lunch served with a baked potato, participants bring samples of their crops to be judged, and afternoon events where everyone can sit down and relax knowing all their hard work has paid off.

Potatoes have and hopefully always will be an integral part of our community. I fully support SCR 3, which designates the potato as the official vegetable of Oregon. I don't think there is a better representation of our area and Oregon better than the number 1 grown vegetable in the state, the potato.

Sincerely,

Mathew Trotman
Operations Manager