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To: Joint Ways and Means

RE: SB894

Dear Committee Members,

Since 1976, GK Machine of Donald Oregon has been manufacturing agricultural equipment and providing services to Oregon farmers, food growers, and the nursery production industry. GK Machine designs, engineers, and fabricates state-of-the-art, high-tech—equipment and greenhouses to support these industries.

GK Machine, Inc. supports the Oregon State Fair programs and events. As a leader in agricultural manufacturing in the Willamette Valley, GK Machine supports youth education events, especially 4-H and FFA programs, as well as the Jr. Livestock Auction, which supports educational scholarships for youth entering the agriculture and food production industries.

These youth educational programs and organizational partnerships strengthen the local workforce and connect youth to future job opportunities in farming, nursery production, and equipment development to help feed the world. These programs help set Oregon youth on a high-quality career path within a large industry that needs to attract the next generation of engineers, programmers, robotic technicians, and food production specialists.

Many youths are involved in extra-curricular activities, youth sports, clubs, and volunteer activities that they find exciting and rewarding. We all understand the dedication it takes to be a part of a team, day after day practicing and the excitement of working towards the big game or playoffs with hopes of a championship for their dedication. The Oregon State Fair is the championship for the youth involved in agriculture. They work the entire year to bring their project or exhibit to the county fairs with hopes of making it to the big one; the Oregon State Fair.

GK Machine has been involved with the Oregon State Fair for over a decade through sponsorships and on-site improvements. We continue to be committed to making the Oregon State Fair the highlight for the youth involved in Agriculture in Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gary Grossen' in a cursive script.

Gary Grossen, CEO

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