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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural
Resources

Measure: SB5539

Chair Dembrow and members of the committee,
I'm Clair Klock from Corbett,

I urge your support of the OWEB budget . OWEB has program the wasn't included in the budget for the next biennium. The Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program is important to protect farmland for future generations - if we don't save our farmland in perpetuity now, the cost will raise or becoming nonexistent through development. We urge that you reinstate POPs 215 and 115 at \$10.8 million.

My wife Beverly and I used the Farm succession program through the East Multnomah and Clackamas Conservation Districts to develop a succession plan for our family. However we have not been able to put a conservation easement on the property as a working farm. We don't want to be paid for the development right, up just want it to stay available as a working farm status. As a side note - we also support HB 5540

We will end here and the rest of the reason for investing in this program is available in the written testimony on file.

Thank you