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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SB775

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To: Senate Rules Committee

Re: SB 775 Soil and Water Conservation District Board Eligibility

Chair Lieber and Committee Members,

I would like to submit this letter of support for SB 775.

SB 775 seeks to update the eligibility rules for soil and water conservation districts so candidates for zoned seats in counties with populations of over 250,000 do not have to own or manage at least 10 acres of land. We believe this is a long overdue update to the current statute.

I live in West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District and believe that all people should be able to run for these seats. It ensures that as a voter I have more choices and more opportunities for people to run.

There are no restrictions to run for any other special districts such as school boards, fire districts, etc., who are using public tax dollars in open elections on the ballot. I don't believe that the restrictions on who can run for the public office of Soil and Water Conservation District is right.

Thank you for your consideration.

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