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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB775

I have been an elected director of the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District for more than 20 years. During that time, we have had a full complement of 7 directors for only 4 of those years. The landownership requirements are not only discriminatory, but now dysfunctional with the dissecting of agricultural parcels in this rapidly urbanizing district.

Nowhere in the authorizing language of SWCDs (ORS Section 225) do the words "farming, ranching, or agriculture" appear. There is much talk about the general welfare of the natural resources of the state. I ask you to favor this request to allow my electors to fully participate in the conservation mission of the Deschutes SWCD.

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