

Submitter: Teresa DeLorenzo

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2164

Oregon lacks certified meat processing facilities. I have been trying for five years to find facilities to process my cattle and pigs so I can sell cuts, rather than shares. Cuts are much more marketable than shares and much more profitable, but without proper facilities and inspectors, I'm blocked from expanding and diversifying my business. Oregon needs to support expanding processing facilities and that includes having enough inspectors. Even to sell shares of beef or pork (halves or quarters), I have to book over a year ahead.