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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB77

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire. I urge you to support SB 77, which addresses the problem of speculative land pricing through abuse of the “home occupations” statute through which the opportunity to site luxury venues on land designated exclusively for agricultural and forest production is driving up farm and forest land prices beyond the reach of family farmers, ranchers, and timberland managers. This bill would help close a loophole that is bad for rural residents, rural economies, and our state as a whole. Please remain vigilant and proactive in preventing irreparable damage to Oregon’s precious resource lands and the families that work hard to feed our communities. Thank you for considering my comments and allowing this opportunity for public input.