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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB77

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Committee Members Girod, Prozanski and
Taylor:

Thank you for doing everything in your power to protect Oregon's working farms and
forest lands.

I am writing today to express my support for SB 77.

Oregon land use laws allow people living in exclusive farm use and forest zones to
operate small businesses, called "home occupations," within their homes. I agree
with "home occupations" if they are small businesses, but because of vagueness the
"home occupation" has become a loophole enabling hospitality, entertainment and
other large scale commercial use. The loophole allows encroachment upon our
valuable exclusive farm use and forest zones, evading the legislature's specific
requirements for such nonfarm and non-forest uses.

I urge you to pass SB 77 to protect Oregon's working farms and forest lands.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Joseph Craig