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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB77

I write in OPPOSITION of SB 77 relating to home occupations on EFU land. The bill is vague and will create hardships for small farms that operate fresh produce markets or other farm operations where there are more than 5 employees.

The bill reads: (a) Is operated by an owner of the property who is also a resident of the dwelling; (b) Employs on the site no more than five individuals, other than an owner of the property, each of whom may work full-time or part-time;

Fresh produce stands are labor intensive to provide the public with fresh, nutritious produce to include employees that weed and move irrigation pipe, hand pick/harvest the crops, sorting and placing produce on display, sales staff, and more.

It is for this and other very vague language in the bill that I ask you to OPPOSE SB 77 to protect fresh farm markets.