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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 Members of the Committee,

I urge you to please support SB 77.

SB 77 addresses a loophole in the rules regarding home occupations.

A home occupation was meant to allow a homeowner living in their home to operate a small business within their home. Examples include businesses such bookkeeping services, small-scale childcare facilities, etc. Unfortunately this provision was vaguely written and has resulted in large commercial uses using this provision to evade the land use laws and the specific requirements for these larger uses.

This loophole has resulted in large-scale hospitality and entertainment facilities on resource lands designated for agricultural and timber production. Large outdoor events and hotels have been approved under the guise of "home occupation."

SB 77 would close this loophole by clarifying the definition of "home occupations" and provide clear and objective standards, ensuring that the primary use of a rural home is residential and not commercial.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment

Sincerely,

Sheila Dooley