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Please vote to approve this bill. Topaz Farm has created an incredible community based on its u-pick farm, farm store, farm to table dinners, outdoor concerts, and other events. As a 12-year Master Gardener in Multnomah County, I'm impressed with their growing standards and commitment to environmentally friendly methods (Christmas tree recycling and biochar program for one). As a family we've enjoyed their sunflower maze and farm store, and with friends we've loved their farm-to-table dinners. I'm not sure why a county or state would stand in the way of allowing small family farms to offer programs such as these. We should be encouraging and supporting small family farms and their ability to make a living in this manner.