



RE: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 1512 – Prosperity 10,000

Dear Chair Meek, Vice Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of AntFarm Youth Services in strong support of Senate Bill 1512 and continued funding for the Prosperity 10,000 initiative.

AntFarm Youth Services is a nonprofit serving youth, families, and the broader community throughout rural Clackamas County. Our mission is to provide life-changing learning experiences that connect young people to meaningful employment and long-term economic stability. Since 2022, Prosperity 10,000 funding has been essential to our ability to deliver this mission.

With Prosperity 10,000 support, AntFarm has provided resume development, job interview preparation, and professionalism training to hundreds of youth, and placed dozens into paid on-the-job training opportunities with local businesses across several key industry sectors. This funding has removed barriers that prevent young people, especially those living below the poverty line, from accessing required training or unpaid entry-level work.

For many participants, Prosperity 10,000 has been truly life-changing, allowing them to gain real work experience, enter their desired fields, and build a foundation for long-term success. Continued funding will enable AntFarm to maintain and strengthen partnerships with businesses, schools, and community partners that make paid, work-based learning possible for youth.

We urge your support for Senate Bill 1512 to ensure Prosperity 10,000 continues to create opportunity for Oregon's youth and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neal Hatley".

Neal Hatley

Deputy Director

AntFarm Youth Services