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On Behalf Of:

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My family and I have always been supportive and appreciative of Oregon's land use laws that protect farmland from excessive development. Once land is developed to a certain extent it is no long an option to reverse course and return to it's original use. The Willamette Valley is rich with prime farm lands and that needs to honored. Part of Oregon's history and beauty is it's diversity of land use and it's provision for small farms and their protection is vital to farmers livelihoods and the availability of farmers markets and food stands to supply the public with fresh goods throughout the valley and beyond.. I would support passing a bill ONLY if it includes revisions that safeguard Ag land preservation AND doesn't penalize small and beginning operators