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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB77

VOTE NO ON SB 77

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this piece of legislation. It is unnecessary and an extreme overreach of government. I plan on buying a small family farm and would want to have housing for my son/other family members and any workers I would need to employ. This bill does not take into consideration how much work has to be done on a producing farm and limiting how many people can be employed is unjust and unreal. This is my dream and I want to realize it without government overreach. Family farmers, ranchers, and timberland managers should have the ability to make full use of their land.

Likewise, SB 78 creates unnecessary hurdles for property owners by restricting “replacement dwelling” provisions, making it harder for individuals to improve their land.

Oregon is overregulated in every way. The government needs to stop dictating what WE THE PEOPLE can do with our own privately owned properties. This legislation provides for the taking of the value of property, by the government, with the below restrictions placed on property owners. This is unconstitutional. (i) Exceed the floor area of the dwelling being replaced by more than 10 percent; or (ii) Have a floor area greater than 2,500 square feet. The US Constitution guarantees our rights to utilize our properties to our greatest benefit. The government has enough issues handling their own agencies, budgets, and department heads with all the scandals and failures that are abounding in those areas of control, mean while continuing to fail all our communities that are not based in the cities. The last thing the government should be doing is intruding on our lives, our liberties, and our properties, not to mention squashing the dreams of our families and the benefits to the generations to come.

Overregulation risks stifling growth and limiting landowners' ability to make the best use of their property. Please reject these bills and support policies that encourage responsible development, and promote a thriving rural economy with happy families.