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To: Senator Jeff Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire
RE: SBs 77 and 78

Please consider my testimony supporting SBs 77 and 78 which are related to discouraging upscale developments on farm and forest land. I'm grateful for this opportunity to help maintain the value of our natural resources.

Non-resident property owners are developing camping venues and hotels, and upscale single-family homes are being built on lands designated as farms or forests. SBs 77 and 78 will designate restrictions on future developments not related to farm or forest land.

ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

Sustainable Farming Practices

When property value is measured by soil quality for growing crops, farmers most likely will promote healthy ecosystems that will conserve water, reduce erosion and improve air quality.

Carbon Sequestration

Certain land practices can encourage farmers to implement methods that sequester more carbon in the soil, mitigating climate change.

Water Quality

Farmlands' ability to filter water and prevent pollution can encourage practices that maximize agricultural and environmental value.

Preserving Natural Habitats

Areas with high ecological value like wetlands and wildlife corridors can protect biodiversity.

LEGACY

Generational caretaking of farmlands enhances awareness and respect of family ties that benefit generations.

Respectfully submitted,

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