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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Committee Members Girod, Prozanski and Taylor:

Thank you for doing everything in your power to protect Oregon's working farms and forest lands.

I am writing today to express my support for SB 77.

Oregon land use laws allow people living in exclusive farm use and forest zones to operate small businesses, called "home occupations," within their homes. I agree with "home occupations" if they are small businesses, but because of vagueness the "home occupation" has become a loophole enabling hospitality, entertainment and other large scale commercial use. The loophole allows encroachment upon our valuable exclusive farm use and forest zones, evading the legislature's specific requirements for such nonfarm and non-forest uses.

I urge you to pass SB 77 to protect Oregon's working farms and forest lands.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Joseph Craig