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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or SB77
Topic:

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 77, as I feel it represents an overreach of government authority that threatens the rights of property owners, small businesses, and farmers in Oregon. I also feel the bill undermines the property rights guaranteed by the Oregon and U.S. Constitutions, specifically the right to use and enjoy private property for economic purposes.

SB 77 I feel its full purpose is to severely restrict agricultural land use, limiting the number of people, vehicles, and commercial activities allowed. I feel this constitutes an unlawful taking of property without compensation, violating the protections in Article I, Section 18 of the Oregon Constitution and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

I feel the bill unfairly targets small, family-owned businesses such as fruit stands, pumpkin patches, and horse therapy operations, making it nearly impossible for them to operate. These businesses are vital to the local economy and community.

I feel this bill infringes upon the economic freedom of Oregonians and represents a dangerous government intervention that violates constitutional protections of due process and property rights. I urge lawmakers to reject SB 77 and protect the rights of Oregon's farmers, small business owners, and property owners.