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Re: Support SB 77 and SB 78

To: Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

Thank you for allowing me to submit comments on these important bills.

The largest contributor to Oregon's success in giving its residents a lifestyle and quality of life that is the envy of neighboring states are the land use laws put in place in 1970s by forward looking people who cared about the future of Oregon. SB 77 and SB 78 will aid in continued success.

I live on the coast where the local farms are smaller family run operations. Those farms are integral to the economy and health of the Central Coast. These two bills, which will positively affect agricultural and forest lands by course-correcting rural gentrification and displacement, are needed to prevent further price increases affecting not only our local farms and forests but the larger economy and housing crisis of the coast. Oregon's strong land use laws have protected our resource lands, our coast, and the long-term health and economy of the state. They need to be reinforced not weakened.

It's time for the legislature to again pay serious attention to Oregon's farm, range, and forest land. The longer we ignore these issues, the more we do irreparable damage to Oregon's precious resource lands and the families that work hard to feed our communities. Once we lose these lands, we can never go back. Oregon's farmers, ranchers, and timberland managers deserve better.

Please stop the land speculation and conversion of Oregon's limited agricultural and forest land by supporting these two bills.

Thank you for considering my comments and allowing this opportunity for public input.

Sincerely submitted,

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