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Topic:

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 77 and 78.

My name is Dan Lowrie and I'm a lifelong Oregon resident who has worked in and managed resource lands my entire career. This includes family ownership of both farm and forestry land. I support SB77 and SB78 because of the adverse impact of continuing to allow home occupations unrelated to agriculture and forestry to proliferate. We have strayed far from the intent of SB100, which intended to preserve our high value resource lands for future generations.

Instead, we have allowed many other alternative uses to price farmers and foresters out of the market for resource lands. Timberland which has a value of \$1,000 per acre for forestry production is often sold at \$10,000-\$20,000 per acre for development of unrelated home occupations or rural estates. In addition to pricing land out of feasibility for resource land managers to own, wildfire risk is greatly increased as these properties are developed in the urban-rural interface.

Please consider these comments in your decisions and help Oregonians continue to honor the commitment made by past generations to protect farm and forestry lands to provide for future generations.

Thank you,
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