

March 6, 2025 | Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Wildfire

Support SBs 77 and 78

Good afternoon, Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the committee, I am Jacque Duyck Magwood, co-owner of Duyck Family Farm LLC with my Dad. I am the 4th generation working on our family farm. With me is my son James, who will hopefully be the 5th generation to farm.

We raise Kotata blackberries, blueberries, fescue and perennial ryegrass varieties for seed and rotate with wheat and clover seed crops as necessary. Farming is our only source of income.

Farming in Washington County is facing relentless pressure from development interests. Hillsboro, Sherwood and North Plains are all pushing to expand their urban growth boundaries onto highly productive farmland. Washington County farmers were forced to go to the ballot last year to protect our ag land from North Plains' efforts to double its UGB. Voters rejected the expansion by 72 to 28%.

Thank you for not considering another UGB-busting bill this session.

On top of UGB expansions, young and beginning farmers in Washington County are dealing with exorbitant land costs, because of the demand for high-end country homes. Intel and Nike executives can pay \$5 million for a house on 50 acres of farm ground, putting the land completely out of reach for any farmer looking to start up or expand their operation. My uncle moved to Wyoming to farm, because he couldn't see how his children would be able to afford farms in Washington County.

The legislature can help small farm families by stopping the gentrification and displacement of Oregon's farmland through the approval of luxury homesites and commercial development.

Please support SBs 77 and 78.

Our family's three generations are counting on you.

Thank you.

Jacque Duyck Magwood