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My hope is that you may if this ever does come up for a vote in the future. WE hopeful will be will be well established as a 501(c3)and if you would speak our behalf to those Reps on Bill 5026 if it is amenable to include this kind of project.

Senator Courtney office has supported as much as he can but maybe with the right the plan we will not be viewed as having a sheltered workshop. We would like to module our selves more like the State Hospital and pay or guests a more competive wage and have a well trained and experience staff to pull it off. These things will take a year or two to plan and at least two to worked with and we constantly need to market and up grade our skills and produce from the Farm.

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Dear Honorable Laurie Byerly.

I am not in your district but I have a vested interest in your public hearings from 2-9 to 2-11

on Bill 5026. I am a consumer of state and federal mental health services. I Hope is that this email

be entered into the public record. I have over the past 25 years advocated for at different times our agenda

of establishing a Mental Health Farm here in Oregon modeled after Gould Farm. The problem we now face is the recent

ruling of and interposition of the Olmsted ACT. We were not allowed to use Sate funds to support this project

due to the fact that the state views work done the farm as a sheltered work shop when in fact we tend to view it

as vocational education. The coast of care would be reduced by any or all funds generated by the farm.

The average coast of care is about \$300 per day. This amounts to about 9,000 per month which can be

reduced to less than that of current group home coast. WE can and would be open to the fact that we can apply as a

a group home. We would offer coast reduction by having our guests work out side the group home.

We would place our selves in a rural setting. This would allow for us to have a community garden and some life stock.

We being our own 501(c3) we will be able and with time raise funds and stability in our community .

We are not seeking funds this season but would appreciate you keeping this as an agenda item in the future.

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