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To: **Representatives** Noble; Post; Clem; McLain; Davies; Helm; Smith; Williams
Senator: Thatcher

Re: [HB 3085], [HB 3090], [HB 3091]

It has been "way-over-due" for the legislature to realize Oregon's agricultural future is seriously threatened by aging and dying farmers and or ranchers without the next generation poised and willing to carry on Oregon's agricultural heritage.

It is almost impossible for young people to take up the rigors of farming and or ranching unless they inherit the necessary resources to pursue and protect Oregon's (and the world's) food sources.

I believe all three House Bills, **[HB 3085], [HB 3090], [HB 3091]** should be consolidated into one (1) House Bill. There needs to be a reduction of the interest rate from [6%] to a modest [0.0%-0.5%] applied to the purchase of lands and equipment to pursue farming and or ranching endeavors.

Without the aforementioned legislation (as a starting point) Oregon's agriculture and economy would be doomed and replaced by residential housing projects for the "Great-unwashed."

"Two-thumbs Up" and a hefty "Yeehaw!" for all of you who have authored the aforementioned House Bills.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ David S. Wall

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