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From: Tom Brewer, Oregon Association of Nurseries

RE: SB 582

### **CHAIR Beyer and Members of the committee**

My name is Tom Brewer, I am a member of the Oregon Association of Nurseries,

1. I appreciate DEQ and Chair Beyer working with producers to make this bill more practical. We like the direction DEQ has taken with labeling, reducing costs to producers, better defining "covered products," and to provide more certainty for all stakeholders.
2. Support the exemption of on-farm products because it would be really complicated to track those products. Understand DEQ's desire to include products sold at retail, though we would prefer a full exemption for retail nurseries.

For reference, here is the language DEQ is including

(X) Items sold on farm, including items used for farm use as defined in ORS 215.203, or for processing on farm, so long as such items are not subsequently sold through non-farm retail channels.

(Y) Items used by a person that is a nursery licensed under ORS 571.055 and that generates the majority of its revenue through the sale of nursery stock as defined in ORS 571.005, if such items are not sold through retail sales.

3. HC Companies makes plastic pots from post-consumer material - local life cycle for those plastics. Appreciate the recognition for post-consumer content in the amendment put forward by the producers.

4. OAN still has some concerns with the latest amendment from DEQ:

- The proposal still includes extra program costs not related to the actual recycling of materials, and OAN's members would like to see the cost of the program reduced further.
- We would like off-ramps for "covered products" and "producers" - if the recovery rate or post-consumer content reaches a certain target, they should be excluded from the program.
- We would like to see more balance in the advisory council by adding at least one more producer seat.

Thank you for your time...and I am happy to answer any questions you may have

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