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On Behalf

Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural

Resources

Measure: SB5539

Chairs Dembrow and Pham, member of the committee,

I'm Clair Klock from Corbett, former farmer and conservation educator, My wife, Beverly and I urge your support of SB 5539 with reinsertion of POP 115 and 215 funding for the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program(OAHP). After 50+ years of watching the loss of farmland from development we believe on way to secure our local food production source is by permanent agricultural conservation easements. Laws and rules change. Exception are made, like SB 4 the opens farmland to development that further erosion the amount of available farmland. I watched the thoughtful process that set up OAHP, and how it is ready to fly. Please add the POP 115 and 215 back to the OWEB budget