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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3131

Dear Co-chairs Helms and Owens, and committee members,

I have worked in agriculture for 50 years, as a farm worker milking cows, driving tractors, and harvesting vegetables; as a high school agriculture teacher; as a conservationist or the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service; as co-author of The Soils of Oregon reference book; as an elected director of a soil and water conservation district; and as the owner of a small agricultural consulting firm specializing in the improvement of soil on Oregon farms.

Throughout my career, I have met a wide range of farmers with different enterprises, goals, philosophies, and resources. One commonality I have seen among farmers is the desire to protect and improve the natural resources on their land. But, to achieve this common goal, farmers need a little help from the rest of us. The Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program will provide that help in the form of technical and financial assistance, administered via voluntary programs.

Funding OAHP is critically important for the future of Oregon's natural resources and the farmers and ranchers who manage those lands. Please ensure that OAHP is funded in HB3131.

Thank you for the chance to comment, and thank you for your service to Oregon.

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