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On Behalf Of: Flying Dogheart Farm
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2979

Dear Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Wildfire:

My name is letty dogheart. I'm an urban farmer in Portland and a disabled post 9/11 veteran . We raise rabbits for meat, hens for egg production and grow a variety of veggies and medicinal herbs.

During the first heat dome in 2020 we experienced a colony loss in our rabbits. Our rabbits could not withstand the 106 degrees, the poplar trees surrounding the rabbit enclosures became so dry that they snapped and landed on my rabbit and chicken enclosures causing structural damage and loss of crops and production. As a result i went to texas to find heat resilient rabbits to breed with my existing rabbit colonies and worked to write a grant request from the Farmer and Rancher Disaster resilience grant

We received a Farmer and Rancher Disaster Resilience grant for building infrastructure to create more versatile rabbit enclosures and infrastructure to support our rabbits and weather tracking for us to have sensors at both of our grow sites in the city. This allows us better protect our crops and track trends in weather patterns and make better choices for watering and harvest.

This funding has been so valuable because as we face more changes in our climate we must be able to build infrastructure to study and be nimble in protecting our food production our communities rely on.

Please support HB 2979 to renew funding for this valuable program.

Thank you,

Letty Dogheart
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