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On Behalf Of:

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 Glen Scheele and I reside in Cove, Oregon. I am writing today to support HB 2979. It is crucial that we continue our investment in our local food systems. This means supporting small farms and ranches and the outlets that they depend on, especially farmers markets and food hubs. These community institutions not only bring economic opportunity to rural Oregon, they connect urban and rural areas through agricultural marketplaces, provide access to local food, and tap into nutrition assistance programs that spread these fresh Oregon grown fruits, vegetables, and meats to people who might not otherwise be able to get them. We need to make sure that these vital small businesses can withstand the natural disasters, worsening storms, and unpredictable weather that has been increasing in recent years.

Our household regularly shops at local farm stands and the La Grande Farmers Market for fresh locally grown food. It would be a great boost to Cove to increase the opportunities for our local producers to sell to our community.

Please support HB 2979 and renew our commitment and support to our small farms and local food system. The efforts build resilience in the system and environmental stewardship.

Thank you,

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