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Dear Legislators,

I firmly support HB 2979 as a long-time Oregon resident and current grocery worker. The impact that our farmers have on my quality of life and the lives of those in my community cannot be overstated. The access to locally sourced produce keeps us safe from reliance on industrial agriculture which is not sustainable. I want Oregon to lead the nation with its example of sustainable, local, small farms.

HPAI has impacted our supply of eggs and chicken meat and is a good example of why we must continue to invest in local, small farmers to ensure we have food for our communities that is accessible and affordable for all.

Respectfully, Christine Bizzell