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On Behalf Of: Valley Flora Farm  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Natural Resources  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5039

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy and members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Natural Resources Subcommittee:

I'm writing on behalf of Valley Flora Farm to express strong support for \$5M in OWEB's budget for renewal of the Natural and Working Lands Fund, which provides incentives and technical support to help landowners, land managers, environmental justice communities, and Tribes adopt practices that support natural climate solutions on Oregon's natural and working lands, including farms and ranches.

Farms and ranches are on the front lines of climate change. The same agricultural practices that mitigate climate change help farms and ranches be more resilient to climate impacts.

Among other things, this funding launched the State's grant program providing payment for agricultural practices with carbon sequestration, water quality and habitat benefits. Continuity of this funding is critical! When funding is available one year and not the next, interest in the programs decreases, and it becomes difficult for farmers to engage in the programs.

I urge your support for the inclusion of the \$5M investment of the NWL Fund in OWEB's budget for the 2025-2027 biennium. Thank you!

Thank you,

Zoe Bradbury DeSurra

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