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I support SB 77. I erred in my previous letter supporting SB 77 by mixing it up with SB 78. Allow me to try again:

I support SB 77 which states more clearly the intent of laws already in place to protect farm and forest lands. The legislature can address the loopholes by defining the term "home occupation" and providing clear and objective standards for ensuring residential use remains the primary use. Oregon land use law allows people living in exclusive farm and forest use zones to operate small businesses, called "home occupations," within their homes. But the provision is vaguely written and has become a loophole to evade the legislature's requirements for allowing hospitality, entertainment, and other commercial uses in exclusive farm use zones.

Please support SB 77 to address this before more Oregon resource lands become resource draining to our economy.

Thank you.