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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB887

Dear Chair Golden, Vice- Chair Nash and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of SB 887 to create an Organic Policy Specialist position at the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Oregon should continue to prioritize support for organic agriculture. Organic farming and its related value chains make environmental, economic, and societal sense. A policy specialist who understands the principles and practices of organic farming, production and market creation is an important position for increasing the benefits that organic brings. Oregon has long been among the leading places in the world in terms of promoting and demonstrating the benefits that organic approaches bring to agriculture, communities, public health, and natural resource management. In these times of increasing global challenges, I encourage the legislature to approve further investments in organic farming education, advocacy and other programmatic needs to promote the growth of a healthy agricultural industry for our state. Thank you for considering my views.

Regards,
David Gould