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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB78

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire, I urge your support of SB 78

SB 78 would stop the land speculation and conversion of Oregon's limited agricultural and forest land. Oregon's farmers, ranchers, and forest land managers are finding it increasingly difficult to locate land they can afford to lease or purchase. Oregon is losing nearly 300 tracts of agricultural and forest land every year for highend residential development in the form of replacement dwellings. This especially impacts young people trying to grow or even start their own farms, ranches and woodlots. Construction of giant mansions drives up the price of nearby agricultural and forest land, and encourages the displacement of those who traditionally live and work in these areas. Many of these "estates" will not be used for productive farm or forest use.

Please stop the land speculation and conversion of Oregon's limited agricultural and forest land by supporting SB 78.

Thank you.

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