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On Behalf Of:

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Wildfire

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Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Committee Members,
I support SB 78. The key issue here is that Goal 3 is being eroded away each legislative session. The pressures we as farmers and ranchers are faced with to buy or lease farm ground is great. As the EFU is chipped away it makes it harder and harder for us to be able to compete with the nonfarm uses that are being allowed. When replacement dwellings are being constructed the footprint of the replacement dwelling should not exceed the original dwelling it is replacing.

We have people buying farm ground getting okayed for a replacement dwelling, which was a single wide mobile home, and replacing it with a huge house then dividing off that new house with 5 or 10 acres selling it and then applying for a farm dwelling on the remaining farm ground that didn't have a house on it and building a new huge house. This is development on farm ground, it raises the cost of farm ground leasing/purchasing and it needs to stop.

Thank you for supporting SB 78