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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB788

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash and members of the committee,

I previously submitted testimony in opposition to SB 788 on March 6th based on incorrect assumptions of mine, and I respectfully apologize for that. I listened to the hearing that day and realized my error. Please ignore my previous testimony and consider the following instead:

I am opposed to SB 788 because Oregon's high-value farmland is being lost at an alarming rate due to the allowance of non-farm uses. It is imperative that we halt this trend and honor the intent of Goal 3 of our statewide land-use planning program. We need to support our farmers, but on land zoned for exclusive farm use that support should be exclusively related to farming.

I urge you to oppose SB 788 and protect EFU-zoned lands.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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