## March 11, 2025

Subject: Opposition to HB 2548 – Protecting Oregon's Family Farms

## Dear Representatives,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 2548, which I believe will have a detrimental impact on Oregon's family farms and rural communities. Oregon has a long and proud tradition of agriculture, and instead of creating additional burdens for our farmers, we should be working to support them.

Family farms are the backbone of our economy and our communities. They provide jobs, sustain local economies, and ensure food security for our state and beyond. Unfortunately, HB 2548 seeks to impose further restrictions and operational cost increases on farmers who are already struggling with labor shortages, rising costs, and increasing regulatory pressure. This bill threatens their livelihoods by limiting their ability to operate efficiently and sustainably.

Rather than pushing unnecessary regulations that hinder growth, the state should be investing in solutions that support our farmers and agricultural workers.

It is clear that the more the government intervenes in business operations, the more we see adverse effects on local industries. Oregon's farmers deserve less government interference, not more. I urge you to stand with our farmers and oppose HB 2548 to protect the future of agriculture in Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your vote of NO and to seeing a stronger commitment to supporting our agricultural community.

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