



DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHRIS BOICE

1036 SE Douglas Ave., Room 217 → Roseburg, Oregon 97470

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RE: SB956 – Letter of Support

I, Douglas County Commissioner Chris Boice, am submitting this letter of support for Senate Bill 956 pertaining to wastewater treatment grant application submitted by Heard Farms to help facilitate the expansion of their currently active and well used wastewater treatment facility.

Heard Farms currently processes the byproduct of wastewater treatment plants for over 25 municipalities in Southern Oregon with no other option. That means that if there is even the slightest “hiccup” in their operations, every one of those municipalities has no other option and the entire system is backed up.

Heard Farms is continued operation is crucial to everyone in Southwestern Oregon and as you, are highly regulated by the DEQ.

Heard Farms works hard to keep the process compliant with all regulations and provides a very important service, however, they, and the State needs to have some flexibility and margin in the operation for contingencies. This grant will make that possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Chris Boice, Douglas Board of County Commissioners