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I am an Oregon local- I was raised here, and I plan to spend the rest of my life here. This community remains strong because it allows its members to thrive. Farmers are an essential and necessary part of that. Promoting local agricultural guarantees the health, well-being, and economic stability of these communities for the future. Big corporations owe us nothing- as soon as they cannot claw profit out of us, they will leave us to rot. Investing in our land so it can remain sustainable, and continue to support us locals, is more important now than ever. I eat produce grown in Hillsboro every single week. I feed my loved ones with that food. I am able to take the money I earn, and invest it directly back into my community, and get healthy products in return. I want to live in self sufficient communities that can care for themselves. I do not want to be any more reliant on massive corporations who will never have our interests at heart. I want to know I can count on my community to feed me, and my children, and my children's children.

This proposal significantly threatens the ability for Oregonians to be self-reliant in our communities. In my lifetime, I have witnessed significant loss in farmlands. Soon we will not be able to return to feeding our own communities. We cannot risk losing any more of this vital resource to companies. I oppose any proposal to destroy more farmland.