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Willow-Witt Ranch
Ashland Oregon

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To the Board of Agriculture

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Resolution 310 relating to siting of agritourism. We have owned a large ranch near Ashland since 1985. Our certified organic operation includes laying hens, milk goats, and vegetables. We augment our farm income with agri-tourism activities including farm stays and educational camps.

I am writing to request that the Board *disapprove* Resolution 310, and instead **solicit input from the community to create a revised resolution that adequately meets the needs of farmers today** and provides a structure to preserve both our land, our heritage and opportunities to generate revenue by having guests stay and learn on our property through events, tours, classes and overnight stays. I am in my 70's and Lanita late 60's; we worked in town to support our farm until just a few years ago, and establishing farm stays and a campground (permitted in our zoning) has made our retirement from 'town jobs' possible, and has set our ranch on a road to sustainability. Our educational programs, 'Where food comes from...really' have made our farm operations viable. Please ask us for our input.

Sincerely,

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