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March 13, 2017

**The Honorable Representative [First and Last]**  
Oregon State Capitol  
[Street Address]  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (HB 3249)

Dear Representative [Last name]:

On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts and the 19 organizations we represent, I want to **thank you for your leadership in sponsoring HB 3249, the "Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program."** Given the diverse and bipartisan enthusiasm it is generating, we look forward to working with you this session as HB 3249 makes its way through the legislative process.

The Oregon land trust community believes the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program fulfills a long-identified need for a conservation program to conserve Oregon's critical landscapes. From the Columbia River corridor to the rugged coast, land trusts work with local communities to protect water quality and wildlife habitat, preserve open lands, maintain working farms, and retain the social and economic values that make Oregon special.

Again, thank you for your attention on this critical piece of legislation. Passage of HB 3249 will provide an essential foundation and voluntary tools to maintain Oregon's working farms and ranches, and the diverse natural resource values they provide for all Oregonians. COLT and our members look forward to working with you to support conserving critical lands for future generations.

Sincerely,

Kelley Beamer

Executive Director, Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts

Blue Mountains Conservancy  
Blue Mountain Land Trust  
Columbia Land Trust  
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