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The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
(delivered by email)

Re: Applicant for the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program Board- Kelly Warren

Dear Commissioners,

With this letter I encourage you to appoint Mr. Kelly Warren to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) Board. From my perspective as a founding member of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, a member of the advisory group that helped establish the OAHP, and a long-time staff member of McKenzie River Trust, I consider Kelly to have particularly relevant skills, experience, and perspective that will prove valuable to the Board. His roots as a farm and forest landowner, his commitment to fair chase in hunting, his breadth of experience with Tribal government, non-profit management, and statewide initiatives all will help provide grounded perspective to decisions made by the Board.

The OAHP was established at an interesting time in Oregon's land and water conservation history. Development pressures on rural land continue to increase. Market forces drive changes in agricultural strategies. Attention on water scarcity has further increased the tension across demands for land and water by urban/industrial, agricultural, and fish and wildlife habitat interests. There are no simple policy and practice answers. Given this increased complexity, actions on behalf of the public trust such as OAHP benefit from guidance by decision makers with a breadth of lived experience and deep professional expertise. Kelly has brought that to bear in his work in the Willamette Valley, from helping guide hunters in their selection of geese, to ensuring that Tribes have participated fully in land stewardship decisions, to now finding creative ways to keeping water on the land, and abundant wildlife amidst productive agricultural lands. At the same time, in the many Willamette Valley meetings we have shared over the last decade, I have always been impressed by Kelly's passionate stories of his explorations across all of Oregon.

While I write this letter of support from the position of Executive Director of a land conservation organization, I also have the experience of serving on a statewide commission, Water Resources. That experience reaffirms my support for Kelly, because again, his ability to knit together perspectives on land, water, and people will go a long way to helping us all take the vision of the OAHP and get lasting results on the ground through the work of the Board.

Thank you for your service, and for your consideration of this letter of support.

Best wishes,

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Executive Director

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