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Dear Elizabeth,

I am writing to express the support of the Oregon Organic Coalition for OSU's Organic Cropping Research Project.

The Oregon Organic Coalition is an organization whose purpose is to advance the development and growth of the organic industry and community in Oregon. The organization represents the interests of all of the stakeholders of Oregon's organic community, including consumers, farmers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, environmental groups, and policy makers. Governmental agencies, such as NRCS, support the Oregon Organic Coalition by acting as informational resources.

At our recent annual meeting, the OOC Leadership Council expressed unanimous support for OSU's Organic Cropping Research Project. We wish you the best of luck in obtaining funding for it.

Sincerely,

Lynn S. Coody M.S.
Chair, Oregon Organic Coalition