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Chris Schreiner
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Dear Chris,

We are writing to express the Oregon Organic Coalition's (OOC) support for the proposed project, "Field Training to Improve Coordination Between Conservation Program Delivery and Organic Certification in Oregon, Washington and Idaho".

The OOC is a public benefit organization registered in the State of Oregon. Our purpose is to advance the development and growth of the organic industry and community in Oregon. OOC represents all of the stakeholders in Oregon's organic community, including consumers, farm workers, farmers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, environmental groups, and policy makers. Government agencies, such as NRCS, support the Oregon Organic Coalition by acting as informational resources.

The OOC Leadership Council expressed unanimous support for the proposal. If funded, the project would address important issues for Oregon's organic farmers, and those interested in converting to organic methods. Natural Resource Conservation Service objectives and National Organic Program Standards overlap in many important respects. This opportunity to conduct cross training will provide valuable insight for extension faculty, organic certifiers, NRCS staff, and many other agricultural professionals in Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn S. Coody".

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