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Oregon Farm Bureau Gives Senator Baertschiger Jr. Award for Efforts

On Dec. 12, 2019, during the 87th Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) Convention in Gleneden Beach, Farm Bureau honored Oregon state Senator Herman Baertschiger, Jr. for his dedicated and unwavering support of Oregon’s farm and ranch families.

“Senate Minority Leader Senator Herman Baertschiger Jr. faced the unenviable challenge of leading Oregon’s Republican Senators through the tumultuous 2019 legislative session. He rose to the occasion with a grit and determination that helped steer the caucus through many tough decisions every day to protect rural Oregonians,” said outgoing OFB President Sharon Waterman.

“Senator Baertschiger showed remarkable courage and leadership in 2019, from navigating difficult politics to leading the walkout that ultimately killed HB 2020, the cap-and-trade proposal that could have crippled rural Oregon,” said outgoing OFB President Waterman.

“Senator Baertschiger has long been a strong supporter of Farm Bureau and rural Oregon, whether it’s speaking out against agency overreach, helping pass and stop bills important to farmers and ranchers, or leading his caucus to protect rural Oregon,” she said.

“We cannot thank Senator Baertschiger enough for his hard work and leadership in the 2019 legislative session. I am honored to present Senator Baertschiger with an award of appreciation for his courage and steadfast support of Oregon farm and ranch families,” said outgoing OFB President Waterman.


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Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit, general farm organization representing the interests of farming and ranching families in the public and policymaking arenas. First established in Oregon at the county level in 1919 and the state level in 1932, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties.

Oregon Farm Bureau President Barb Iverson, elected on Dec. 12, 2019, comes from a
multigenerational family farm from Woodburn, raising industrial hemp, grass seed, squash, vetch seed, hazelnuts, wine and table grapes, and operating the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival, which attracts over 160,000 visitors each year.