

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Oregon Wheat Growers Supports Economic Assistance in Continuing Resolution**

**Pendleton, OR (December 18, 2024)** – Today, in response to the release of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2025, the Oregon Wheat Growers League issued a statement in support, urging passage of the critical legislation.

Wade Bingaman, Oregon Wheat Growers League President, outlined the need for the investment included in the end of year package, noting that “Wheat producers are facing a challenging combination of elevated input costs, coupled with reduced market prices. We have seen significant deterioration in the overall financial situation for individual farms. Economic assistance included in this package is an essential bridge for sustaining farms and our agricultural communities.”

The League appreciates Congressional leaders who responded to messages from farmers. President Bingaman stated, “We thank the leadership for their work to ensure assistance is included in this package to address the severe downturn in the agriculture economy.” The League joins the National Association of Wheat Growers and additional agricultural and banking groups in a unified effort urging for the passage of the legislative package, as well as a commitment to working on a long term Farm Bill with the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress. We remain resolute in working with lawmakers to get the right Farm Bill passed that provides long-term certainty for growers. A full Farm Bill is critical to maintaining the production of vital food crops, the productivity of our farmlands, and the continued flow of jobs, investment and tax revenues from our operations and supply chains.

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*About the Oregon Wheat Growers League: OWGL is the primary representative for Oregon’s wheat growers; working to enhance the profitability of wheat growers by communicating with and educating growers and the public, assuring markets, conducting important research, and advocating for sound business, trade, and environmental policy. For more information visit [www.owgl.org](http://www.owgl.org).*