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TESTIMOMY FOR SB 241

SENATE ENVIORMENT AND NATURAL RESOUCES COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY Manfred Schosnig

FEBRUARY 4th, 2019

I would like to offer my support of SB 241 and the renewal and increase of the Oregon Crop Donation Tax Credit. My name is Manfred Schosnig and I am the owner of C&S Farms, LLC in Canby, Oregon. My farm has been in operation since 1977. We are a vegetable farm that grows cucumbers, zucchini, yellow squash, gray squash, turnips, rutabagas, parsnips, beets, and gold beets on approximately 300 acres.

Over the last five years we have been able to share our vegetables with the Oregon Food Bank; in 2018 we donated 376,299 pounds of vegetables to the Oregon Food Bank. It is an honor to be able to contribute a helping hand by providing fresh grown produce to those in need in our community. Last year's donations have provided 313,000 meals. The Oregon Crop Donation Tax Credit allows us to donate in larger quantities, thus helping more families in need and provides our farm with coverage for the costs associated with packaging and transporting the produce.

If the Oregon Crop Donation Tax is eliminated, it will hinder our ability to donate our vegetables to those in need. Our rate of donation will have to decrease immensely as we would not be able to afford costs associated with transporting and packaging of our produce. In turn, an increase in the Oregon Crop Donation Tax would provide us with the funding needed to donate more produce to the Oregon Food Bank, ultimately helping us to feed more families in need.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Owner

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