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House Agriculture and Land Use Committee

Rep. Brian Clem, Chairman

Re: HB 2451

House Bill 2451 would amend Oregon Revised Statutes pertaining to grading and standards for onions. The statutes were established back in the 1950's, which ordered spot inspections of onions prior to shipping. These rules are no longer needed. Growers, packers and shippers adhere to GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) and FSMA (Food Safety and Modernization Act) rules and audits. These extensive inspection audits are done at the expense of the growers, packers and/or shippers.

Onions that are packed and shipped out of our facility have been graded and inspected continuously. We have an in house inspector that follows stringent rules set by USDA guidelines.

Our customers require that our growers and our packing facility are GAP Certified. They will not receive any product that is not grown or packed from a GAP certified farm and/or facility.

It is my opinion that the current laws in place are out dated and need to be amended. We are duplicating the inspection process that is not necessary.

Regards,

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