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My name is Zach Flegel and I live in Prineville Oregon, as a young farmer just starting out, every cost affects how I operate. My margins are extremely tight all ready and added cost will not help. In HB2020 it will only add cost to my operation and prevent my farm from growing or worst it could put me out of the farming industry. The first problem that would affect me is the tax increase on fuel; I depend on diesel to drive from field to field to monitor how the crops are growing, the fuel that I use to harvest the crop and the fuel I use to deliver it to costumers. Being a young farmer I sometimes need to look at buying older equipment so that I can make my budget work and have minimal loans. With HB2020 it would make it hard to impossible to buy older equipment because of emission standards that are set too high. Farmers do their best to keep the ground producing food to feed the world and keeping the ground producing for future generations. HB2020 is taking away a lot of incentive to do what is best for the land by adding the additional regulations to farmers here in Oregon. I Oppose HB2020 and the affect it could have on my farm if it becomes law.

Thank you,

Zach Flegel