

Dear Co-Chair Smith Warner,

Please vote NO on HB 3427. A Gross Receipts Tax is a regressive device that hurts local businesses and consumers. Farmers like myself and consumers will be subjected to a pyramid of taxes which will increase costs that will cripple rural businesses and communities.

The total tax and fees cost of \$5.67 billion over the next 2 years is far too great and a burden to Oregon Farmers and Ranchers!

Farmers and Ranchers will have to pay the added tax on all inputs but are unable to pass along the cost. Ag Co-ops and farmer owners will be double or triple taxed.

Along with the Oregon Income Tax, the added Family Leave Tax, Carbon Tax, Employer Assessment Tax, Medicaid Tax, Small Business Tax, Kicker Cut and the theft of money from SAIF, makes this New Consumption Tax outrageous! It makes doing business in Oregon unsustainable. If I could move my 150+ year old farm out of Oregon, I most certainly would.

I plead with you to Vote a Big NO on HB 3427!

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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