

My name is Brenda Frketich. I am third generation farmer from St. Paul. I farm 1000 acres alongside my husband Matt and our three small children. We raise filberts, grass seed, wheat, clover, vegetables and vegetables seeds.

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on HB 3427. As a gross receipts tax this bill doesn't take into account the agricultural community here in Oregon. As farmers we are price takers, our profits can be slim or even non existent, even in a good year because we don't set our pricing. Because of that, a gross receipts tax is a huge hardship and in some years would be impossible to pay.

Not to mention that inevitably this increase in tax would be passed along to us in many other forms. Such as the cost of trucking goods to market, fuel, crop protection tools, etc.

Please vote no on HB 3427. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Brenda Frketich