Dear Co-Chair Roblan,

HB 3427 is bad for farmers and it is bad for Oregon. This is another tax that will stifle the growth and economy of Oregon. The real problem is not that there is not enough money but that it is being spent in the wrong places. Get the Public Retirement System (PRS) under control, be reasonable and don't expect a Cadillac you may need to down size to a Chevy. PRS is costing our school district a teacher a year and that means over the last 6 years we have lost the ability to keep 6 teachers which makes class sizes bigger. Fix your unbridled spending and we wont need to have a gross receipts tax.

Gross receipts taxes punish producers by adding costs to our inputs which adds to our cost of production and we can not pass on the costs. The Co-Ops we are apart of will be taxed and we as owners feel the taxation. While we have no sales tax the groceries will have been taxed 2 or more times before it gets to the selves, this is not right. HB 3427 is just one of many tax bills on the table, if you add them up it comes to \$5.67 billion in in new taxes. This is too much for businesses to survive and it is bad for Oregon. Vote NO on HB 3427

Sincerely,

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