



April 25, 2019

Governor Kate Brown
President Peter Courtney
Senator Mark Hass
Senator Arnie Roblan
Oregon State Capitol
Salem OR, 97301

Speaker Tina Kotek
Representative Nancy Nathanson
Representative Barbara Smith

RE: Equal Treatment Under House Bill 3427 – Agricultural Organizations

We are in receipt of the letter from Eric Groves regarding the potential impact of HB3427 on family owned companies engaged in agricultural processing and marketing. We are supportive of Mr. Groves' concerns and urge you to address any inequities between business entities before passage of HB 3427.

Our company, Eisele Farms, is a family-owned and operated company for over 30 years. We employ many local area residents on our farm during our seasonal operation and work closely with another family-owned processing plant. The legislation as proposed could negatively impact our business as well as the processor that we work with.

Different treatment under the tax law between a family business and a corporation, which is organized as a cooperative, will have a profound negative impact on our business and our farmers.

We urge you to review Mr. Groves' comments and make the appropriate changes to the final draft of HB 3427. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant Eisele". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Grant Eisele
Farm Manager
Eisele Farms, Inc.