

My husband and I are 6th generation wheat farmers in North Central Oregon. We've worked hard to carry on the proud tradition of working hard and being good stewards of the land. We run a family operation....just my husband and his mom along with our kids in the summer. We operate on a very thin margin each year because we compete on a global market to sell our wheat. On good years we update equipment and on bad years we try to hold on. We constantly deal with increases in prices for all of our inputs (seed, fuel, etc.) with no way to command a higher price for our product because it is a commodity sold on the global market. HB 4167 would only add to our costs and when equipment upgrades are necessary it would put us out of business. Just trying to get our wheat to market will cost more because the added fuel costs from the barges will also affect us.

HB 4167 will also affect our local school district. We heat our building with propane which in my understanding will have a higher cost immediately. Not to mention the cost of running our buses. Our school district covers our entire county and we travel many miles just to get our students to school each day. We also travel great distances to transport our students to athletic contests...one of the few extra curricular activities we can offer.

This will destroy rural Oregon.

Please vote "NO" on HB 4167.

Sincerely,

Kim McKinney

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