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SB 1087 is bad for farmers and bad for the environment.

SB 1087 is bad for farmers:

Farming is not compatible with adjacent property owners having crowds of people eating at a restaurant. Farmers need to plow their fields (which creates a lot of dust) and spray chemicals when the time is right, not during the restaurants' off hours.

When weddings used to be allowed on farm land, I heard first-hand that the wedding facilities negatively impacted farmers, because even though farmers had the legal right to spray chemicals, create farm equipment noise, and create dust from plowing, the farmers didn't want to make the wedding facility owner mad, so they would wait and thus farm operations would suffer. Similar problems include the farmers having to change how and where they put their animals and their animals' manure, as the restaurant patrons would complain about the smells. Restaurants on farm land will cause many problems for farmers. Farming is not compatible with restaurants.

SB 1087 is bad for the environment:

Until recently we didn't have weeks of wildfire ash and smoke in the Willamette Valley. Global warming is getting worse, and the major source of carbon pollution in Oregon is automobile transportation. We should be taking steps to reduce driving by having goods and services located in central places, such as grocery stores and restaurants in towns, not encouraging people to drive farther and thus pollute more.

Please fight SB 1087. Farming is not compatible with restaurants, and allowing restaurants will hurt farming operations. Thank you.