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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SB1058

Hon. Committee Members: Thank you for the opportunity to oppose this ridiculous bill. I farm commercially, albeit on a smaller scale than previously due to age, and I don't have anything against growing organic but neither I nor any other farmer should be getting state welfare handouts. You can add all the lipstick you want but that is still what this is. If kids are going hungry or without medicine, okay, welfare payments are appropriate. If behaviors needs to change for societies benefit, maybe some limited incentives are okay. But to pay businessmen, (farmers) to convert to a specific style of agriculture promoted by some not only distorts markets and wastes taxpayer money, it degrades our republic in general. As Alexis de Tocqueville said: 'The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money.' Please don't poke another hole in the Treasury, plug some existing ones instead. Suggestions:

DSL removal fill permits duplicate a federal program and should be ended.

BOLI – Do we really need a law in parallel with the Davis Bacon statutes? Having two programs not only wastes staff money, the programs often conflict costing even more.

Reform Archeological Rules for Construction. Fund Shpo with a small but significant number of dollars and charge them with conserving the most important archeological finds. They will then be forced to prioritize, saving ODOT and many other developers millions of dollars..