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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB747

My name is Amy Kaser and I farm with my family near The Dalles. I am writing to oppose SB 747. Really, this is an unnecessary and burdensome piece of legislation. Believe me, no farmer wants to overapply fertilizer on their crops. Fertilizer is one of the most expensive of crop inputs, and we only want to apply what the crop needs. The price alone encourages limited use; what good does it do our crop or our bottom line to apply excessive fertilizer?

Also, any legislation like this needs to include extensive discussion with producers. Did you bring any farmers or landowners to the table while writing this bill in order to get a better understanding of how crop science works? How do you determine the impacts on producers and costs to taxpayers of additional regulation and weigh it against the relevance of the information you would be collecting? Fertilizer types and rates vary greatly from one crop to another; are you accounting for this in your reporting requirements?

Please vote no on SB 747.