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On Behalf Of:

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Wildfire

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My name is Zach Flegel and I'm a life long resident and farmer in the Ochoco Irrigation District. I oppose SB 747 because it is unnecessary and a burden on farmers trying to make a living and support a family. There is no criteria for the amount of fertilizer that is over applied so why do I have to report fertilizer that rates aren't even known to be harmful. The amount of unpaid time that I will have to do in the heat of summer just to report is a burden. Every year is different and every crop is different so reports will have to be done when I need to water my crops after I fertilize that day. Which is hard to do when my summer days are 15 - 23 hours because of other state regulations like paid overtime and I can't afford to hire extra help. Also most if not all over fertilizer applications happen in urban areas and fields less than 5 acres. This bill is complete overreach on the farms in irrigation districts.