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

We are writing to oppose SB 747. We are farmers and this would be cumbersome to our operation. We have enough to do in providing and producing food for society. We do not need more bureaucracy. We follow all labels and guidelines set by the state of Oregon.

Fertilizer is a very expensive input, with costs skyrocketing in recent years, we are already disincentivized from applying more than is needed.

Fertilizer rates vary widely based on crop and soil type, weather, and a list of other factors. Rates alone cannot determine overapplication, and there is no standardized guidance on rates based on the variety of factors that impact nutrient needs and uptake. Agronomic rates vary even between different varieties of the same crop. The concept as drafted reflects a lack of understanding of both crop nutrition science and groundwater impacts.

200 acres is an arbitrary number with no connection to data or evidence.

What is being proposed here is a multi-million dollar program that would not yield the information suggested in the bill language. We do not need more bureaucracy. We follow all labels and guidelines set by the state of Oregon.

This issue deserves a robust discussion with producers and experts (and producers as experts), not a misguided concept put together in a vacuum by urban legislators who have no background in agriculture.

Please consider our points and keep Oregon growing in the agricultural sense!

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