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

My name is Lisa Eisiminger, a family farmer from Union County Oregon.
I oppose SB 747 for the following reasons:

- Fertilizer is a very expensive input, with costs skyrocketing in recent years. Producers 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.
- This issue deserves a robust discussion with producers and experts.

This bill continues to reflect the continuing divide between urban and rural citizens in this state. It reflects the lack of knowledge of food production and what it takes for a farmer to produce food for this country.