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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB747

Chair Golden and Committee members-

RE: Opposition to SB 747

I am a third generation family farmer.

Fertilizer is expensive and I am offended this Bill. We only put out what is need based on soil tests, leaf analysis, crop needs, weather and myriad other factors. We dont just throw it out there like its free. It's very expensive and never over-applied. Farming in Oregon is prohibitively expensive and we have to pinch every penny to make it work and compete with the rest of the world.

Drive out the famers and you will get more pavement, subdivisions that cut down all the trees and weekend warriors over fertilizing their lawns because they don't want half a bag of fertilizer smelling up the garage..... just put all of it out.

Who get to define 'over application of fertilizer'? I bet its not a farmer. Who gets to identify 'over application'? I bet its not a farmer.

I understand and appreciate peoples concern for the environment and pollution, but this is not the way. We've lived here for generations and people that live on the land for long periods of time know best how to make it last for the following generations.

Please oppose SB 747

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