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Wildfire
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Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire
Chair Golden and Committee Members,
My name is Wade Flegel and our family farms in Crook County.
Why is the Oregon Legislature trying to kill & force family farms out of business.
Bringing forward bills like this that only discourage and put onerous regulations on us;
making it so only huge farms are able to exist in Oregon. Bringing forward bills like
this that have no common sense; it is obvious that the crafter of this bill has no idea
about agriculture and how to determine what amount of fertilizer is appropriate.

Our family farm has just come out of one of the most severe droughts recorded. Our
crops suffered greatly as well as our income. Fertilizer costs have gone up drastically
the last 4 years. With the decrease in income and the high cost of fertilizer we cannot
purchase more fertilizer that absolutely necessary.

SB 747 does not take into account the different crop needs or the nutrients in the soil.
The cost the Oregon Department of Agriculture to implement and actually get the
information that would do what the stated intent of the bill is would be astronomical.
Making a report on what fertilizer is put on a field is not going to give any indication of
over fertilization and yet it will take time away from my family and farm.

Kill SB 747 not Family Farms