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Committee:	Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	SB1153

Hi,

I am writing to you of my opposition to SB1153. I don't understand the constant attacks on agriculture coming from our legislator. Every year there are new bills looking to regulate farms. The amount of time and money farmers need to spend just to protect our way of life from constant attacks is becoming unbearable. As a younger 4th generation farmer it's becoming unbearable with all the regulation coming down on us. Family farms are quitting all around us mostly because regulation has been getting harder and harder to follow and the amount of paperwork that has to be constantly filled out and filed is overwhelming. Farmers rely on water to grow our crops that feed our livestock and people. We should strongly promote agriculture in OR and support our farmers and farms. Agriculture in Oregon is dying and moving to areas that have even less consideration for the environment. This will do nothing but speed up the process of agriculture leaving Oregon. As a young farmer I am constantly considering going to a different state only because of the stringent regulation here and the fact that there seems to be no end in sight to new regulation. The legislator should be protecting and promoting Oregonians including its farmers not catering to fringe environmental rights activists. It's time to stand up for Oregonian farmers and protect them from being regulated out of existence. Please work to save our family farms in Oregon! Thank you for reading, Cory Kuipers