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As both a landowner and an Oregonian, I feel strongly that these new requirements that the legislature is attempting to force on the citizens of this state will serve only to make the cost of living go higher. Even if it doesn't impact our well, on our land, into which we have already invested a great deal of time and effort and money, these regulations will, I fear, create more barriers to accessibility of affordable, local, healthy foods. If the required equipment and monitoring will be paid for by those who own and farm the land, those costs cannot simply be absorbed. It would be absurd to suggest that this will not impact food affordability for everyone, most acutely impacting those who are lower-income. If the state covers the costs, then the money will be extracted from the taxpayers, which will also increase the cost of living. I cannot support a group of regulations that so drastically affects the entire state and its people.