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Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 11:41 AM

To: Rep Bailey; Sen Hansell; Sen Olsen; Sen Bates; Sen Hass; Lutman Jennifer

Subject: Senate bill 800

Re: hearing today on senate bill 800

We are farmers, having operated this farm since 1983 with a sense of personal responsibility towards being good stewards of the land. Our farm has been in the family since 1891, and that heritage has always been to take care of the land. We have always used less fertilizer than our neighbors, left clods when others worked their land fine, and not burned stubble when most farmers were. We love our land.

We are opposed to the overbearing regulatory environment that results in bills such as SB800. We do not need extra paperwork for no additional benefit to anyone or the land. We purchase our farm chemicals from suppliers that are properly certified, and keep excellent records that are available to government regulators when requested. We receive copies of that and are able to keep Smith Frozen Foods and their customers informed about the chemicals applied to the land on which food is raised. The public is well protected under the current system, the land is protected under the current system, and we do not need useless paperwork to protect from a bogey man that doesn't exist. We don't need extra government workers taking money away from public safety and education, especially for such a poor reason as this.

Please do not pass this bill on out of committee.

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