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State Senator Jackie Dingfelder
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Subject: Senate Bill 217

Dear Senator Dingfelder:

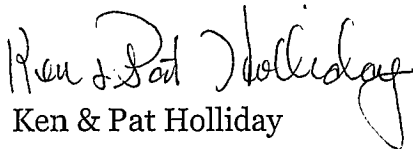
We own and operate a cattle ranch, Holliday Land & Livestock located in Grant County in eastern Oregon. Our cow/calf operation has been in our family since 1957 and is an example of production agriculture, employing three full-time employees and several part-time. A vital component of our operation is the water we receive from our legally established water rights, some of which date back to the 1860's.

As an agriculture business, we are writing to express our opposition to Senate Bill 217. Please include this letter in the official testimony regarding Senate Bill 217.

Several of our concerns regarding Senate Bill 217 are it appears to be a tax and therefore should not qualify for establishment through legislative action; and the administrative system needed to establish the billing process will most likely take a significant portion of the revenue. Senate Bill 217 will have a major negative impact on agricultural producers. These producers, such as ourselves, rely on a commodity based product marketing system, and do not have the ability to pass this expense on to consumers.

We appreciate having the opportunity to voice our concerns regarding Senate Bill 217.

Sincerely,


Ken & Pat Holliday

Cc: Senator Bill Hansell
Senator Alan Bates
Committee Admin. Beth Reiley
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Senator Mark Hass
Senator Alan Olson
Senator Ted Ferrioli
Representative John Huffman