

To Committee,

I am Jason Montecucco, representing Montecucco Farms. We are a fourth generation fresh vegetable farm located in Canby, Oregon. In 2012 Montecucco Farms donated over 491,169 lbs of fresh vegetables to the Oregon Food Bank, Perrydale FFA, Clackamas County Gleaners, Yamhill County Gleaners, and Pacific Northwest Outreach. No person in this state, especially children, should go hungry, my farm does what it can to make sure none of our crops are wasted and hungry families get fed through the donation distribution programs. Without some sort of credit for donating our vegetables, going forward we will change our harvesting practices to leave all second grade vegetables in the field so not to incur the additional costs of, transporting, washing, grading, cooling and storing of fresh vegetables that would be donated. We will still donate, but the amount we donate will be just a small fraction of what we have donated in the past.

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