

DEAR REP. *Senator Chuck*

My brother and I farm 100 acres of pears, cherries, apples, and blueberries in the Hood River Valley. Last year are Payroll was 500,000 dollars. With the minimum wage increase being proposed by the Governor's office, are payroll would increase by as much as 200,000.00 dollars. Resulting in a gross payroll of 700,000 dollars.

Are workman's comp insurance was 50,000 dollars, this would also increase an additional 20,000 dollars. That makes it 70,000 dollars.

Are payroll tax was 160,000 dollars, this would increase another 50,000 dollars. That adds up to 210,000 dollars.

The total adds up to 270,000 additional dollars!!!!!!!

The total we paid last year was 710,000.00 with this proposal we would be paying over a million dollars in payroll, payroll tax and workman's comp.

Are farm does not make enough profit to cover this enormous increase.

We, the farmer, has no control over our pricing. It is set by the grocery stores. They do not care about our cost increase, they care about their cost.

We are a small family farm that can not accommodate these increased costs and will be forced out of business.

Thank You,  
Kennedy Orchards Inc.

