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I am Doug Kraemer, president of Berries Northwest LLC, a blueberry grower in Marion, Linn and Columbia counties. My Home Address is 19664 Arbor Grove Rd. St Paul OR. We produce blueberries for both the fresh and the processed markets around the U.S. and Asia.

SB 1532-A would further challenge our ability to compete with other growing areas of the U.S. such as Michigan, New Jersey, and Georgia that produce fruit for the same markets or during the same time frames. Oregon has a reputation of high quality fruit, desired around the world, but we must remain competitive. This proposed legislation will cause our labor costs to again be the highest in the industry and cause us to cut back the hand harvest of blueberries or eliminate hand harvest completely.

The combination of new rules and Laws are loading our industry with more mandated cost than we are able to add without driving our costs too high to stay competitive.

Please oppose SB 1532-A.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas A Kraemer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas A Kraemer