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To: [LRO](#)
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House Revenue Committee:

I am asking you to OPPOSE HB 2859. This bill will take away vital protections farmers need to keep farming.

If YOU want to SUPPORT LOCAL you will oppose HB 2859... otherwise your food costs will go up substantially; a few more years later farmers will have to close because the margin isn't there and the majority of your food will be grown in China and Mexico – where there is little to no regulation.

If fields riddled with lead in China is where you are okay your food to be grown, then you may not be concerned about your health or the health of your family/constituents. If you are okay with your food being grown in Mexico where the water quality is marginal at best, then you may be bringing more chances of food borne illness to you and your family/constituents.

The current average age of farmers in America has risen in years from 55 to 60. Our state needs to keep any protections in place that may encourage new younger people to take on this profession. WE NEED FARMERS.

I LOVE OREGON. My family farms in Oregon. We are job creators. We provide safe food for you and your family/constituents that is healthy. Please vote NO on HB 2859.

Sincerely,
Marissa Hokenson