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Sen. Dembrow, and committee,

My name is Wade Flegel and I farm with my family in the Prineville, Oregon area.

I am concerned with the unintended consequence of SB 1008. I am pleased that the bill would give exemptions to the ag sector directly; but our irrigation district uses equipment that is surplus from other government agencies because, it is less expensive to purchase. For example the dump trucks and excavators our irrigation district uses are 10 to 20 years old and are very sound mechanically they are used only 60 to 90 days a year. If construction equipment is scrapped as it gets older, used equipment that ag depends on will increase in price and ag commodity prices are cyclical, we are in very low prices now and this will jeopardize family farms to continue to operate.

Again this equipment is used for very short times and sometimes for emergencies which can save lives as in the case of flooding. It is good to have this older construction equipment available in rural areas because of its cost and being able to meet our needs in a timely and affordable manner.

I urge you not to pass this bill.

Thank you, Wade Flegel

Sent from my iPad