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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a 4th generation dairy farmer in Clackamas County. I work with my parents, husband and children to bring a healthy, sustainable, and environmentally conscience product to the public. We live right outside of Portland and are able to co-exist with the ever encroaching public. To be a Class A dairy there are many regulations and inspections. We are inspected by the Oregon Department of Ag for our CAFO permit, state health inspector, federal inspector, Washington Dept. of Ag for our Organic inspection and we do animal care audits; I'm sure there are more that I am not thinking of. On top of that we voluntarily test our cow's milk monthly to check quality and the health of the animal. We also choose to test our land and the water that leaves our land annually as best management practices, among other things. As dairy farmers we are always concerned with being good stewards of the land, taking care of our animals and being good neighbors. We are already working with the National Resources Conservation Services and other industry experts to continually improve and make sure our impact on the environment is minimal and that we leave our land better than when we started. I would strongly encourage that SB 197 be stopped and not passed out of Committee More inspections and regulations would be costly and time consuming when we are already highly regulated. We are not a large farm, only milking around 200 cows. With a small family ran operation we can only incur so much financial burden. Especially for something we are already proactively working on as an industry with best management practices and regulations.

~Thank you,
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