



Dear Legislators:

We are a family based business that started in 1994 as Valley Hay, located in Harrisburg, Oregon, which is Linn County. Everything we did from baling to pressing hay was viewed as a farming operation. In 2005 we expanded our operation and now have a hay compression operation in Marion County. We are still farmers working for farmers but unfortunately Marion County does not view our compression equipment as farming equipment and we must pay property taxes on it. This puts our Marion County operation at a competitive disadvantage.

Valley Hay supports SB 596 to make clear that straw compression equipment is exempt farming equipment.

Thank you,

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