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Dear Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

I am Stan Boshart, President of BoSSco Trading, an International trading business, and PressCo, a pressing business based in Salem Oregon. The compression machines that we use take a lot of labor to compress the straw down to get more weight into the container, paying local workers and saving shipping costs to be competitive in Japan and Korea. Compressing down straw and hay is the most important aspect in being able to ship Straw to Japan and Korea. This is the same straw that Oregon farmers were banned from burning in the late 70s. By using this process, we are able to sell our leftover material (straw) from the fields to Japan and Korea, turning yen into dollars, boosting local jobs and our local economy.

I support the SB 596 amendment to keep compression machines exempt from property taxes. The hay compression industry runs on a thin margin and this exemption is needed to remain competitive.

Thank you for reading,

Stan Boshart

President

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