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Dear Brian Boquist,

As an equipment dealer in Oregon, we are opposed to any gross receipts tax.

Because of the significant negative impact on retail industries with low margins, such as ours, HB 2830 will be harmful to our business and our customers. The proposed tax structure changes create new winners and losers in Oregon, with the disproportionate share of the tax burden falling on low margin businesses. Even worse, the proposed tax would fall on a business regardless of whether they produce a profit. In addition to the direct impact on our business, the pyramiding effect of a gross receipts tax will have a significant impact on our customer base as well.

A gross receipts tax could not come at a worse time for the agriculture sector. Commodities prices are drastically down over the past several years and input prices are up. Because of this, farm debt ratios have increased to historically high levels. Any additional increase in taxes on our business and customers' businesses could jeopardize the continual operation of our business in Oregon and the customers we serve.

We strongly urge you oppose HB 2830 in its entirety

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