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To the House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use:

The owners of Upland Produce show our support for House Bill 2451, introduced in the House by Rep. Lynn Findley. The original statutes have become outdated and obsolete. Most, if not all, of Oregon onion growers already comply with GAP (Good Agricultural Practices). Our onions are already graded and inspected in house during our packing season, and our inspections are even more stringent than what the state law requires. It is necessary for us to know our quality prior to shipping in order to meet the market demands.

The receiving end will inspect the onions and on occasion will require a federal inspection. Our onions have left our warehouse in excellent condition and our inspection do not hold weight on the receiving end.

The onion business is very competitive, so duplicating the expense of multiple grading and inspecting requirements places Oregon onion growers in a less competitive situation at a time when the onion market is expanding globally and domestically.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nick Ebner".

Nick Ebner
President
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"Proud of Our Premium Label!"
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