

Dear LPRO Analyst Gezelter,

I'm sorry if the reader is offended, but doesn't anyone in the executive or legislative branches of Oregon government have a clue about running a business?

We are a 'small' family farm & fruit processing operation. We will qualify this year as a Century Farm. We have never grossed more than \$3million & it's usually much, much less. About half our gross is labor. About half is in the form of other inputs that keep other Oregonians working! EVERYTHING we earn goes to pay someone!

Seriously ... you are preparing to tax small operations like ours out of business or out of Oregon. I guess that's the choice you're leaving to us. The State of Oregon loses in both alternatives.

This all-Democrat-all-the-time-liberal-spend-spend-spend-tax-tax-tax way of doing business in Oregon government is going to ruin the business community. That's IT in a nutshell.

This is so serious it truly will impact our survival within five years of the transition from the 3rd to 4th generation of ownership & management. Our younger family members see no reason to farm if they have nothing left for themselves.

Sincerely,

Lee Schrepel
6501 NE Highway 240
Yamhill, OR 97148
lee@fruithillinc.com