



April 25, 2019

Governor Kate Brown
President Peter Courtney
Senator Mark Hass
Senator Arnie Roblan
Oregon State Capitol
Salem OR, 97301

Speaker Tina Kotek
Representative Nancy Nathanson
Representative Barbara Smith

RE: Equal Treatment Under House Bill 3427 – Agricultural Organizations

We are in receipt of the letter from Eric Groves regarding the potential impact of HB3427 on family owned companies engaged in agricultural processing and marketing. We are supportive of Mr. Groves' concerns and urge you to address any inequities between business entities before passage of HB 3427.

Scenic Fruit Company is a third-generation family owned business since 1931 and is the oldest berry processor in the Northwest. We work closely with many growers in the Pacific Northwest, and the legislation as it stands could negatively impact both our company as well as the many locally owned and operated farms we work with.

Different treatment under the tax law between a family business and a corporation, which is organized as a cooperative, will have a profound negative impact on our business and our farmers.

We urge you to review Mr. Groves' comments and make the appropriate changes to the final draft of HB 3427. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Derek Eisele". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Derek" and last name "Eisele" clearly distinguishable.

Derek Eisele
Co-President
Scenic Fruit Company