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Senator Mark Hass
Senator Arnie Roblan

Speaker Tina Kotek
Representative Nancy Nathanson
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Oregon State Capitol
Salem OR, 97301

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.

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,

Matt Novak
President and CEO, OVS