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To: [Rep Nathanson](#); [Rep Findley](#); [Rep Marsh](#); [Rep Lewis](#); [LRO](#)
Subject: HB 2429 - Hay compressing - House Committee on Revenue
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Committee Chairperson Nancy Nathanson
Vice-Chair Lynn Findley
Vice-Chair Pam Marsh
Representative Rick Lewis

Our company is a farmer owned hay and straw exporter in the Northern Willamette Valley.

We compress and market a by-product that was initially considered waste and therefore burned. Now grass straw is exported to markets in Asia. As with many by-products we operate on tight margins.

As you know HB 2429 addresses the issue of taxation for Hay/straw compressing equipment.

Our company is in favor of HB2429 and ask that it move out of committee to the House floor for a vote.

Passage of this bill will allow us to continue to compete in this low margin market and will add consistency amongst the county assessors throughout the state on what equipment should be taxed.

One suggestion: The equipment in question should be located on EFU zone property.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards:

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