

My name is Collin Crocker, I am 5th generation farmer from Benton County.

I strongly oppose the numerous taxes on Oregonian farmers like myself proposed in the -1 amendment to HB 2674. Our farm has suffered devastation from voles to our crops, hit hard from the response of our state to COVID-19 and damages from the 2021 ice storms.

The infestation of voles has destroyed our Tall Fescue crops.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused market disruptions which had a major cash flow impacts on our family farm. Urea(fertilizer) is up 21%. Consequently our production is down while our expenditures increase. And as with other sectors many agricultural operations are currently at their breaking point.

The -1 amendment taxes our tires, a new set of tractor tire costs over \$40,000, that would be \$1,200 for taxes. Why are we carrying the cost of retrofitting Portland's fleets?

Our farm uses red diesel fuel for our tractors and trucks that drive off road, not on public roads. Taxing that fuel would add to our already high cost of operations. We do not set the price of our crops to cover these expenses, we are price takers.

This amendment is an incredible overreach burdening family farms like ours.

I understand that the year-long Diesel Task Force considered many of these taxes and chose not to proceed.

I respectfully as the Committee to do the same, please focus on main problems like resolving the Covid-19 devastation on our economy and relieve for the February ice storms.

I ask you to vote "No" on the -1 amendment to HB 2674.