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Dear Legislators:

Oregon Hay Products, Inc. is a forage processing/export company located in Boardman, Oregon. We grow some of our own hay and also purchase hay and straw from local farmers. We provide jobs and export our forage crops to Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China and the Middle East. We add value to these crops by utilizing forage compressing machinery.

Agriculture works on very thin margins. As an industry we cannot afford to pay property taxes on this equipment. Doing so, puts Oregon forage processors at a competitive disadvantage with Washington, Idaho and California competitors.

Oregon Hay Products supports HB 3317 that makes forage compressors exempt farming equipment.

Regards,

Stuart Follen
Oregon Hay Products, Inc.