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On Behalf Of:

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To all whom this concerns

My Husband and I and our Son are farmers have been for 40 years a little over 30 yrs in Langell Valley outside of Bonanza, Or. before that we farmed in the Sacramento Valley. We enjoy what we do, however because of high cost and environmental laws making it harder to survive. We made the decision to move our young Family to Oregon where not only was land affordable to buy but the cost of doing business and living was so much better as well as the environmental issues with water we were so excited to plant roots in Oregon and in our community everything we needed was here. I am sad to see what our community and this state has over the years developed into alot of very bad policies not only for Farmers and Ranchers but middle class working Families as well. Maybe in Portland or bigger cities in Oregon have the infrastructure of high paying jobs to afford the high costs that are imposed on through the economy. It seems to me that the rest of the state isn't considered much when we are already paying to much in farm expenses but now you want to make it so much harder by raising the cost more on fuel, licenses, registrations along with everything else. We are not California and we dont have the ability to pay the taxes you are wanting to add, all the reasons we left California are now happening here in Oregon. My Husband and I will retire soon however our Son farms and has a young family which may not be able to farm giving the outlook of the way policies, laws and cost which will prohibit their ability to do so, and they are not alone this is a farm and ranching community when it goes so does the town. Thank you for your time and consideration Tina Keeton