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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or SB747

Topic:

I, Jace Eisiminger, a farmer in Union County, Oregon, oppose SB747.

More laws are not the answer.

Fertilizers are a very expensive input, with costs skyrocketing in recent years. Producers are already disincentivized from applying more than is needed.

Fertilizer rates vary widely based on crop and soil type, weather, and a list of other factors. Rates alone cannot determine overapplication, and there is no standardized guidance on rates based on the variety of factors that impact nutrient needs and uptake. Agronomic rates vary even between different varieties of the same crop.

The concept as drafted reflects a lack of understanding of both crop nutrition science and groundwater impacts.

200 acres is an arbitrary number with no connection to data or evidence.

What is being proposed here is a multi-million-dollar program that would not yield the information suggested in the bill language.

This issue deserves a robust discussion with producers and experts. And yes, to those of you in Salem we are experts at what we do.

I believe that this is just another crusade against the Oregon Farmer.

Legislators are better at coming up with problems than solving them.