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Against Bill # SB 747: A Farmer's Perspective

I, Denny Taylor, have farmed for 54 years. I am writing to express my strong opposition to bill # SB 747. Throughout my career as a farmer, I have under-applied much more often than over-applied. Inputs in farming are very expensive, and the goal is always to use the minimum amount necessary to get the job done.

The insinuation that a farmer is not smart enough to apply the minimal amount and instead overuses fertilizers and chemicals to waste money is deeply insulting. This caricature of farmers is not only inaccurate but also demeaning to those of us who have dedicated our lives to this profession.

This bill represents a major overreach of government, imposing unnecessary regulations on a practice that farmers are already managing responsibly. As someone who has spent a lifetime in agriculture, I can confidently say that the aim is always to balance productivity with sustainability. The notion that farmers are recklessly applying excessive amounts of chemicals and fertilizers is a gross misrepresentation of our practices and intentions.

In conclusion, bill # SB 747 is not only unnecessary but also undermines the expertise and judgment of farmers. I urge lawmakers to reconsider this legislation and recognize the efforts farmers make to use inputs judiciously and sustainably.