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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB747

Our farm opposes SB747. The bill is bad policy. Farmers are stewards of the land. They are not going to spray or fertilize any more than they have to to raise a good crop. Fertilizer is expensive and costs vs income are terrible right now. Wheat sells currently for \$5.50 a bushel. That is the same price it was in 1974. Do you think costs, fuel, fertilizer, seed are at 1974 prices?

We farm a variety of fields. No two are the same. To put a blanket amount on all farm fields would be a disaster. We fertilize according to the soil content and what it needs to produce. Soil testing is done all the time to measure what is there.

PLEASE PLEASE let this bill die in committee. It would be a terrible legislation.

Next time you want to impose regs on a farmer, talk to one. See what it is really like out there.

Thanks for your time  
Koehnke Farms, Inc.