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Hello, I am Anthony Leppin, a 4th generation farmer from Amity. I am deeply concerned about SB 747, its implications and repercussions it will have on our Oregon small farms.

We grow some of the best foods in the US for the consumer. Yet we export 90 percent of these goods to foreign countries.

Meanwhile, we as a country are ranked well below the countries whom are receiving our goods and we the population of the united stated are as unhealthy as we have ever been due primarily to imported highly processed food that is literally killing us. While we strive as a country to pollute less for our environment's health, we have total disregard for the people who live here having affordable access to good, healthy food that the small farms do an exceptional job of producing high quality food but consume very little of, why?

The small U.S. farmer on average is hands down the best stewards of the land by keeping our soil healthy and promoting sustainable agriculture. Something that is being lost sight of by corporate agriculture that uses Ag industry for investment purposes. Our small farms need less regulation and scrutiny so that the people of this country can help support our local agriculture and are able to keep our high-quality foods we so desperately need in this country. The American citizen shouldn't have to rely on imported goods and the U.S should be extremely concerned over the loss of these great small farms and what they provide our country. 747's impacts our farms and our bottom line and would be devastating. Most Oregon's agriculture would price us out of the average American's budget. These stipulations only equal added cost for the consumer and a strain on a fragile limited amount of what's left of our small farms.