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On Behalf Of:  
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As a superintendent in a school district in which resides many family-owned farms, I offer my opposition to HB 2548 as it would be extremely harmful financially to these constituents, many of whom are farming land their great grandparents farmed. The additional requirements of this bill would escalate not only the direct costs, but also add many hours of additional support to navigate the increased burden. Our farmers already struggle to meet the high costs of fuel and fertilizer, while competing against larger corporate farms that can absorb added costs much more easily. The legislature should be looking for means to decrease the burden on our smaller farmers, not increasing the chances of these farms go out of business! The connection that these family-owned and operated farms have on our schools and communities is tremendous. They are connected and rooted in our culture and support many organizations that are beneficial to our students, such as FFA, Ag, trades and 4H programs. Anything that adds a burden to these farmers should be seen as a negative to our entire community and especially to our young people. Please do not allow such a detrimental bill to be passed.