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I completely oppose Senate Bill SB2548. My family has farmed in Hood River Valley for 110 years. The last 5 to 10 years for some reason, the Oregon legislature wants to put the family farm out of business. We supply specialized training for ALL our employees. Supply housing for full and seasonal employees. At no costs to the employee. Certain times of the year require part time employment to prune and harvest the crops. The latest increase in state government regulations have put a stranglehold on Oregon farmers. Do the legislators want big corporate farms and import of fruit and vegetables from other countries that have lower standards on food safety and employee safety? Why is Oregon singling out agriculture?

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