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Family farms struggle to remain viable. OSHA does an adequate job protecting worker safety and health. To create an addition body for oversight is not needed. It would be helpful to recognize the slim margins with which local small agriculture operates. Producers have no ability to raise prices and are last to be paid after picking, trucking, warehouse grading, packing, and sales commissions. There is great value in maintaining small diversified agriculture. We need support not more crippling regulations.

Sincerely, Shelley Oates (retired after 41 yrs orcharding) parent of a Hood River pear grower.