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I strongly OPPOSE. When our farm buys a tractor or invests in a planting, we utilize the bonus depreciation that the federal government currently allows. Eliminating bonus depreciation at the state level will hurt our business and disincentive investment in our state. QUESTION FOR THE GOVERNOR - DOES YOUR "PROSPERITY ROAD MAP" INCLUDE RAISING TAXES IN THIS MANNER? With respect.

We buy a tractor, we use bonus depreciation to lower our tax bill. But guess what - the tractor vendor recognizes income of an equivalent amount. There is no lost taxable income to the state.

Furthermore, for our farm, if we bonus depreciate an asset in year 1, we can no longer depreciate it in any subsequent years. Tax revenue to the state over a 5 year period is the exact same. This law is stealing tax dollars from years 2, 3, 4, and 5 to be paid in year 1. Not sustainable.

This law change is a huge disincentive for business to invest in Oregon. And no, "business" is not a four-letter bad word. Business like ours is what puts food on your table.

The political games coming out of Salem are horrible for our states future. The politicians proposing and passing these laws have some sort of jealousy complex or are so self absorbed with maximizing their tax revenues that they will destroy all private business within this state in the process.