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After reviewing the Federal Register Notice on Oregon Farm Truck (F Plates) exemption request we support the request and encourage you to adopt the exemption.

The F plate system has worked well since 1978. With having a renewal every two years your department will be able to monitor the program and if accidents seem to increase at that time you may decide to vacate the Oregon exemption.

With Oregon's financial situation we fear that if the F plate system is ended there will not be any additional funds to educate and enforce additional safety inspections unless it is shown by an increase in accident data that equipment failure instead of driver error caused the accident. The data from 1995-2001 showed less than 1% of truck accidents were from farm trucks.

Sincerely,



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