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To Whom It May Concern:

Yamhill County Farm Bureau represents 470 Yamhill County farmers and ranchers, most of whom have Oregon farm plated trucks. We are writing you in regard to the **Oregon Farm Plated Truck Exemption**.

We strongly believe this exemption should be granted for the following reasons:

- Most of our trucks are small, single-axle trucks that are used seasonally. Many of these are driven less than 3000 miles annually.
- These trucks are used mostly on secondary roads at slow speeds.
- Oregon farm-plated trucks have excellent safety records, accounting for less than 1% of the truck accidents in Oregon.
- The Oregon Department of Transportation already has the authority to inspect all trucks, including farm-plated trucks.
- The Oregon Department of Transportation states that granting this exemption would have no negative impact on truck safety on Oregon highways.

For the above reasons, we encourage you to grant Oregon's request for the two-year renewable **Farm Truck Exemption**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dave D. Cruickshank
Yamhill County Farm Bureau President