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U S Dept. of Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta suggested in a April 17, 2001 letter to Oregon U S Senator Ron Wyden that Oregon Department of Transportation apply for the Oregon Farm Truck Exemption.

The Oregon Legislature as treated Farm Plated Trucks the same way since 1978. Since that time, there has been no increase in accidents and therefore, no addition inspection authority is needed. Oregon Department of Transportation already has authority to inspect all trucks including farm plated trucks. Oregon farm trucks hold an exceptional safety record and account for less than 1% of truck accidents.

It would make sense to grant Oregon the Exemption as proposed by Oregon Department of Transportation. Then request a Safety Record before granting a renewal every two years.

Respectfully submitted.



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