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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Don Anderson I am a full time farmer in Multnomah County Oregon. In my farming operation I have farms plated trucks and have had for many years. These trucks are not used on a "for hire" basis and are not on the road for any extended period of time. Oregon allows me to put farm plates on my trucks because of their limited use. In Oregon, farm trucks have exceptional safety records and account for less than 1 % of truck accidents. Driver behavior rather than mechanical failure cause the vast majority of truck accidents. With Oregon already having a comprehensive and aggressive traffic enforcement program that applies to farm truck drivers that goes above the federal requirements, I do not feel that we need more regulations. We are doing good safety practices with our trucks now.

Today, I am asking you to give ODOT the 2-year renewable exemption from the federal regulations that mandate certain truck parts and accessories, and the requirements for inspection, repair and maintenance on farm trucks that they have petitioned for.

Thank you,

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