

## Raszka Shelley

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**From:** Patrino Beth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 11:40 AM  
**To:** Raszka Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: SB 863

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**From:** Barb Iverson [<mailto:Barb@WoodenShoe.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2013 10:29 AM  
**To:** Patrino Beth  
**Subject:** SB 863

Good Morning,

My name is Barb Iverson with Iverson Family Farms. My family has a multigenerational farm near Woodburn. We grow a variety of crops. I am urging the committee to support SB 863. Every year, farming in the Willamette valley becomes increasingly burdensome for farmers with increasing regulations, weather, prices, etc. We don't also need to be fighting battles with people who don't really understand what we do, telling us what to do and with what tools. Just as modern tools help the urban population, we in the rural community also don't farm like we did 10, 25 or 50 years ago. I know there are those that want to return to a simpler era but we cannot afford to. The average age of farmers is 57. The younger generation doesn't want to return with what is happening to farmers today. Please don't add one more burden to our plate. Support SB 863.

Thank you,

Barb Iverson

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