



February 10, 2020

House Committee on Energy and Environment

RE: Opposition to HB 4105

Dear Representative Karin Power and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mike Crawford and I work for Ferrellgas. We are opposed to HB 4105 for the following reasons.

Propane is stored in a liquid form (LPG) and appears to fall under the category of "gas" as defined in ORS 274.705.

Propane is predominately delivered into Oregon by railcar because there are no refineries in the state. Most of the propane is imported from Canada and transported by rail. This bill would limit transportation and require additional diesel fueled trucks delivering propane into the state, causing much more pollution.

Propane is widely used as a heating fuel all over rural Oregon. Propane is clean burning, and this bill would surely limit supply and increase the use of other greenhouse gas emitting fuels such as heating oil, kerosene, and wood.

The vapor pressure of propane fluctuates with temperature. The pressure calculation is equal to twice the ambient temperature. This bill would greatly impact shipping operations due to propane not meeting the less than 9 psi requirement.

Propane companies cannot comply with the notice requirements.

This bill would be devastating to our industry due to imminent supply shortages, and affect a large amount of residential, agricultural, and industrial consumers.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need any further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me at (503) 285-2561.

Sincerely,

Mike Crawford

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Crawford".

Northwest Region Manager

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