Senator Dembrow:

Please vote against this bill. It is not going to improve the environment since Oregon is the sixth lowest in the United States, the major problem is in other countries where we have no control.

I am the principle owner of our cattle ranch in Terrebonne, Oregon. We are proud of the sustainability and longevity of our environmental health on our ranch.   The ranch is our livelihood and we would be out of business if we were not doing conservational practices on our property. The cut outs for Eastern Oregon is only going to put farmers and ranchers against each other depending on what side of the Cascades you live on. The bottom line is you aren't helping either side financially. The cost on diesel fuels is added a soon as it hits the state, before any red dye is added to make it Ag fuel.

The cost to us, our school district, fire and rescue, will be cost prohibiting to maintain in the short time. You will be putting us of business. I can't pass those cost on from the sale of my cattle. Currently cattle price are the same as the were in the 80's and early 90's. I will still have to pay those increase in taxes in the grain and hay I purchase, additional delivery cost, and all the additional cost for everything else I buy from the food we eat to the clothes I buy for my self and my grandchildren. I can't afford the cost for my household or my ranch. I will be out of business and my fixed income will not be enough to meet those increases. There would be the chance of having to go on government assistance because there is barely enough income now the feature would be devastating to me.

Please vote against this bill as it is being proposed. With 265 bills being introduced the eight hours for each of those bills to get a proper hearing is not enough time for real discussions. If not put it out for the voters to vote on. Most farmers and ranchers have college degrees now a days. We can decipher complicated policies.

Thank you for taking time to read my comments.

Roberta Valladao

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