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House Committee on Energy and Environment
2021 Regular Session
RE: HB 2674

House Committee Members, Chairmen and all others concerned,

This bill is insanity at its finest. Everyone is hurting right now and the blows to Oregon's economy keep getting stronger and harder. Yet here is a bill designed to literally rip out its backbone. How exactly is considering taxes of this magnitude helpful in any way to Oregon? Is Oregon's best interest no longer something that is a consideration? Directly attacking farmers and loggers of this great state is disgraceful and just plain WRONG.

Imposing a tax on off-road vehicles, off-road fuel, etc. will hurt every single person. Need proof? The already imposed CAT tax shows up on consumer products everywhere. Every single Oregonian is required to pay them (even when they don't know it) because businesses cannot afford them to begin with; so, the trickle-down effect it is. Are you winning?

Farmers and Loggers should be praised for the environmental heroes they are, not taxed into oblivion. They work ceaselessly to take care of and provide the CARBON SEQUESTERING products and resources you say is top priority. And yet for all those efforts... you repay them with taxes and repay the state by allowing millions and millions of acres to go up in smoke literally. Fire does not just stop happening if you turn a blind eye to it. It's called proper management. Proper land management can't and won't happen when there are no men and women left out there to do those vitally important jobs because greed, like these taxes, has eliminated their ability to stay in operation.

So, the questions then become these... Do you like feeding your families? Do you like have a roof over your head? Do you like earning a paycheck? Do you like living in our beautiful state? Guess what... so do we! If you answered yes to these questions... PLEASE, stop entertaining these insane bills and taxes, start paying attention to when and where the money that this state already generates goes, and let the backbone of our state get back to doing what we do best!



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