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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB4141

My name is Ilene Waldorf. I am a 3rd generation non-industrial timberland owner and an accountant. In my accounting practice I specialize in bookkeeping and tax preparation for farmers.

I would like to emphatically express my opposition to HB 4141.

On my own tree farm and the farms of my clients, diesel fuel is an essential tool used in our operations. Most of our equipment runs on diesel fuel and many of our farm vehicles run on diesel as well. Diesel is an extremely stable fuel and is very economical to run in equipment and vehicles.

If we were to be precluded from using diesel fuel our equipment and vehicles would become useless. I don't know any farmers who would be able to replace their equipment and vehicles as they already operate on very thin profit margins. Additionally, the equipment in most cases has been kept in working order to keep from needing to be replaced by equipment that is not as sturdy and isn't even available. Most trucks that run on diesel fuel will be useful for thousands of miles beyond what a typical gasoline engine truck will run. It would make no sense at all to abandon perfectly good equipment and vehicles.

Please consider these important points and vote no on HB 4141.

Thank you for your time!

Ilene Waldorf