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Living on a farm in Oregon has shown me how integral diesel is to the food system. Not only is it how the vast majority of farming machines run, it also is how the products get from the producers to the consumers. Farm machinery costs hundreds of thousands of dollars and a lot of knowledge to maintain. Having to replace all of the machinery would likely mean that many small family farms wouldn't be able to sustain business. These are small local businesses that not only play a significant role in the economy, but also supply Oregonians with essential products like food, grass seed, nursery stock. There are many more pressing issues to address in a short session of legislation than this, especially considering the supply chain crisis that is already occurring in America without added restrictions such as this.