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Eliminating diesel will catastrophically impact every citizen in the state.

Farm equipment will shut down. Farmers may or may not be financially able to replace with electric equipment. Not all equipment is available in electric/alternative options. Consider the loss of food production.

Ditto home heating. Not all consumers can afford to replace furnaces during an inflation period after years of pandemic. Supply issues may also be a factor. Those constituents may have no heat next winter.

Delivery systems are already strained. Smaller companies may not be financially able to replace delivery trucks and vans. Larger companies may simply relocate instead of absorbing the costs. Consider the job loss.

Consider a system of fire trucks and ambulances in transition. Fire season and the tourist season approaches. What emergency vehicles will respond?

1-5 is a major transport thoroughfare. We have several major truck stops located along the highway. Consider the impact. Loss of jobs. Loss of revenue.

Consider the financial burden to individual owners of diesel vehicles. Ranchers own trucks for a reason. A few alternative fuel vehicles exist with new technology price tags. Consider the economic impact.

This list is just a tip of the iceberg. Consider the impact is this proposal.

Oregon and Oregonians are beginning pandemic recovery. Yes, we all want to live cleaner, greener. There must be a better way to achieve that goal without the financial destruction of Oregon and Oregonians in the process.