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Regarding HB4141

To whom it may concern,

We firmly believe that this bill will devastate our economy and close many more businesses. To try and pass something like this is a slap in the face to the hundreds or thousands of businesses and citizens that rely on this fuel to transport goods or get themselves to and from work. To put out a bill that is against the majority of the citizens of this state when Oregon already provides incentives and regulations to drive more renewable transportation energy sources into Oregon is absolutely absurd.

- In 2015, the Oregon Legislature passed the Clean Fuels Program that, through a regulatory framework, incentivizes the sale of renewable diesel.?
- Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 20-04, the Department of Environmental Quality is already considering a rule that would more than double the clean fuels standard and make fuels like Renewable Diesel even more valuable.?
- Additionally, the Environmental Quality Commission adopted the Climate Protection Program that creates a preference for fuels like Renewable Diesel.

Renewable Diesel faces significant cost competitiveness and supply challenges that have not been addressed by the bill. There continues to be a disconnect between the available supply and Oregon's demand. Today, not everyone can purchase Renewable Diesel due to the supply and storage constraints.

Based on existing data, there is almost no way to know whether those realities will change. For purposes of a reference point, in 2019, Oregonians used over 719 million gallons of diesel. By comparison, less than 17 million gallons of Renewable Diesel and 60 million gallons of biodiesel were brought into the state. Meaning, Renewable Diesel amounted to less than 3% of the fuel used in diesel engines. We simply do not have the Renewable Diesel supply and infrastructure for a fuel transition of this size and magnitude.

Before Oregon takes this risky step in removing critical fuels from the market, we must better understand Oregon's opportunity for new and emerging fuels and technologies that can ensure Oregon remains economically competitive.

This bill of HB4141 needs to die and never be brought back and discussed again. I guarantee many more Oregonians will permanently leave this state to find better states that actually care about those who pay the taxes you so rely upon for your budgets and overpaid incomes. We Oregonians are tired of your lavish spending while simultaneously destroying our economy and our ability to provide for our families.

We've had enough!