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On Behalf Of: 65000 members who work natural resources
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB4141

We strongly oppose HB4141: Every single thing runs on diesel, even generators to power electric charging stations.

There is absolutely no way that this is even comprehensible. You need diesel to make asphalt. You need asphalt to build roads. You need diesel to cut trees. You need trees to build homes. You need diesel to till crops. You need diesel to harvest crops and feed people. If you actually care about the housing shortage and food insecurity, you must vote no.

Critical infrastructure is dependent on diesel. There is no path to move forward on this. There is no infrastructure in place to transition. This is so far out of touch with reality, even our President agrees.

President Biden believes this is too extreme and so should you. And I will remind you of a comment he made in Rome. We are very encouraged that The President validated our position, acknowledging that raising the cost of fuel hurts working families and it's unrealistic. We have been trying to articulate that for years. We have even come up with a 4-point plan for carbon reduction, that does not raise prices on working Oregonians. It also does not ban diesel but it offers sensible solutions to cut back on emissions while continuing to work. We have submitted this to Governor Brown, more than once.

"But on the question of oil prices, economists say that, you know, when you raise the price of something, people will consume less of it. So why not allow even middle-class people around the world to pay more for gasoline in the hope that they would consume fewer fossil fuels and emit less?"

THE PRESIDENT: Well, because they have to get to their work. They have to get in an automobile, turn on the key, get their kids to school. The school buses have to run. That's the reason why. You know that, Jim. That's the reason. The idea that we can — that there's an alternative to walk away from being able to get in your automobile is just not realistic; it's not going to happen. And this wasn't intended to happen. And, by the way, when — when — when the cost of a gallon of gasoline gets to above three hundred and — three hundred — \$3.35 a gallon, it has profound impact on working-class families just to get back and forth to work." October 31, 2021
President Joe Biden

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