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I am a born and raised Oregonian. I have owned and operated several successful businesses in transportation and agriculture. Every business I have ever operated has been directly or indirectly powered by diesel.

When I was younger I bred rabbits, rats and mice for the pet trade. They ate high quality feeds provided by Oregon farmers and processed at Oregon mills. Both industries that supported my business used diesel to power their equipment.

My family also operated a towing company out of Portland and our fleet relied heavily on diesel fuel. Trucks running on diesel are more efficient and safe to operate than gas powered trucks; better gas mileage, better power, and safer operation due to reduced risk of engine fires or overheating.

As a farmer we again relied on diesel in our tractors, trucks and generators. We relied on other farmers who also use diesel in their equipment and semi trucks. Diesel is safer and more efficient. A properly maintained truck pollutes less because it uses less fuel for the same workload.

If access to affordable transportation and farming methods is restricted the livability of Oregon will be greatly harmed. Poorest people will be the most impacted. Minority business owners will lose their ability to run their businesses.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.