

Submitter: Elisa Heilman

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3158

My name is Elisa. My husband and i own and operate a farm in Clackamas County.

We oppose HB 3158 because it puts added financial stress on our business.

We already pay our share of tax and with the Oregon State Transit Tax which is on all those who work in Oregon and for the fuel tax. The state should have enough money to pay for their needs.

HB 3158 taxes our tires, off-road equipment, and our off-road fuel. It will really harm our small farm as well as other family farmers and loggers and independently organized businesses, construction and mining businesses. We ask that this session you the policymakers focus on resolving the issues in front you. Please stop making it harder for small businesses and working people to survive during this time of crisis and recovery.

We urge you to vote 'NO' on HB 3158. It is wrong to tax small businesses, particularly during such challenging times, in order to create a mega-fund for engine retrofits and replacements in the most densely populated areas of Oregon.

Thank you,  
Elisa and Ed