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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB3158

My name is Keith Baltzor. My wife Katie and I own a small commercial cow/calf cattle and hay ranch in Harney County. What we have we built ourselves through a lot of hard work and sacrifice. For years we worked other jobs in order to put food on the table and a roof over our children's heads, as we put our operation together.

Apparently the supporters of HB 3158 on the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment don't think we have done enough. We have paid our taxes while establishing a Ma and Pa business that helps to feed the world. After reading HB3158 and how the bill so conveniently rolls 6 new taxes, all which would negatively effect us, into one tidy not so little package, I have concerns.

I could reiterate the points many others have mentioned in their opposition testimonies which are all very valid, but I won't. I would rather use my time to ask questions hoping they will make you on the committee carefully consider you vote and if those votes will be meaningful or just more party line green rhetoric. My main questions are:

What does a retrofit to clean diesel cost on average?

How many retrofits need to be done?

What is the carbon footprint of all processes involved in a retrofit? (all stages of production)

What data or models have been produced to help insure a net positive result?

What would the total cost of the needed retrofits be including rule making, oversight, and all other administrative expenses?

What would the net annual decrease in carbon emissions be including retrofit carbon footprint?

Would the decrease be meaningful, or just a symbolic gesture that makes no real environmental difference?

What is the projected tax revenue generated annually by each of the six new taxes?

Are the news taxes going to sunset or remain in place until other legislation eliminates them?

Why should so much of the burden be placed on rural food and fiber producers when the supposed fixes mainly address an urban issue.?

Until these questions are accurately answered I think it not prudent for any of you to support HB 3158.

No statements concerning Fiscal or Revenue impacts have been produced.

Proceeding forward with the bill without those statements in itself would be irresponsible.

One thing for sure, if this bill becomes law, it will ultimately prove to be a business and job destroyer, except for the bloated government agencies it will create. Ladies and gentlemen who are supporting this bill, I think you

have the cart way out in front of the horse on this one. Do the hard work and math to see if the entire process even makes sense, or let HB 3158 die. Thank you for considering my opinion.