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On Climate, Energy and Environment

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My name is Will Hoyt I am a fifth generation rancher from Lane and Douglas Counties. I am very proud to say that this year my family and I are celebrating 170 years of continuously farming and ranching the same land in Oregon. Every generation of my family since 1853 has taken the stewardship and preservation of this land very seriously and we continue to do so.

I write you today in opposition to HB 3158.

Today we are direct marketers of All Natural Grass Fed Beef and Lamb in markets and restaurants in Portland Eugene, Roseburg and Cottage Grove. Margins today are razor thin and the taxes envisioned by HB 3158 will put our operation in a much more difficult position as we use tires and diesel fuel in this process.

One of my biggest fears for the future is that my generation may be the last to work this land, because those in the 6th generation don't think that they will be able to continue due to the fragile nature of margins today. HB 3158 will contribute to narrowing profits.

Please don't add further burden to Oregon's food producers.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 3158!

Sincerely yours,

Will Hoyt

Proud Oregon Rancher

Past President Oregon Cattleman's Association