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To The Senate Committee on Energy & Environment

My name is Brent Martin and I am a wheat producer in Morrow County.

I oppose SB 803. We do not have the renewable diesel supply and infrastructure for a fuel transition of this size and magnitude.

This bill would completely phase out petroleum diesel in 7 years, with no plan to address renewable diesel supply and competitiveness challenges.

The Oregon State Legislature has passed a steady stream of regulations and incentives to increase the use of cleaner fuels, leaving this bill unnecessary.

This would be administratively complex and could lead to supply chain issues.

If we were forced to use renewable diesel, we do not have a source to cover our operational needs. The impact of the cost for what we could procure would be prohibitive as well.

If this bill passes, it would force my operation along with many others in Morrow County and neighboring counties to close operations eliminating a much needed food source to help feed a growing World population.