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On Behalf Of: my friends in the trucking and Ag industries
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure: SB803

Honorable Committee Members:

Thank you for serving our state in your position on this committee. As a committee member you serve all of us, not just your constituents. As such, I would like you to consider the impact this bill, SB803, has on our farming, ranching, and trucking industries to name just a few of the big players. At some point in time the development of alternative fuels will find a place in our markets and we will move to those as they are readily available. They are not, as of now, nor likely to be in the next seven years, readily available (nor economically feasible).

I often refer to Salem as the "Land of unintended consequences". There are lots of good hearts and minds in both the House and Senate. Sometimes that "we have to do something" mentality gets in the way of truly amazing decision making. My suggestion: let us, those of us who use diesel because of it's inherent ability to solve the issue of moving and creating our products for your use, find the ways to make or use something better. Better for you, better for us, better for Oregon. Trust me (and us), we are looking for those answers. We don't need Salem to pull the rug out from under us while we are still searching for the answers.