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To: Committee Chair Senator Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley and all the members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: Support SB 803 - Improving impacts of diesel fuel

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Latino Network was founded in 1996 by advocates for the needs of the growing Latinx community in Multnomah County. Since then, these grassroots beginnings have evolved into a continuum of services that support Latinx individuals, families, and communities. Our programs currently focus on education, advocacy & leadership, health & wellness, economic justice, youth empowerment & violence prevention, and arts & culture, engaging nearly 11,000 community members throughout Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties in the last year. We are the leading culturally-specific provider for Latinx youth, parent, and family services in the Portland area with the goal of serving the nearly 19% of Oregon's population who identify as Latinx or Hispanic.

Latino Network currently provides direct services to youth and families in Senate Districts 13 and 19-25 and House Districts 25, 37 and 42-50.

We support SB 803 and are asking for your support on this important legislation. Diesel emissions and particulate matter generally disproportionately impacts people with lower incomes and people of color. Our communities are no exception. Renewable diesel emits up to 80% less GHG (DEQ), this could reduce Oregon's overall GHG emissions by 9% - that's 5.1 million metric tons of CO₂e annually.

We continue to see the devastating impacts extreme weather events have on Latinx communities all across the state, and our ability to respond are continually pushed to the limits with more frequent heat, drought and wildfire events. We can, and should be doing all we can to prioritize renewable energy resources and decrease utilization with harmful chemicals that are replaceable.

Please support SB 803