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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB803

Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

I write you today to address misinformation about Senate Bill 803.

No, it will not ban all diesel in the state.

No, it will not destroy the economy or put rural Oregon out of business.

SB 803 follows a responsible and achievable phased transition schedule starting in the Portland tri-county region in 2026, extending to the Western Oregon region in 2028, followed by the eastern portion of the state in 2030.

Cost and Supply Considerations -The goal of this legislation is not to increase the cost of fuel for Oregonians or cause fuel supply disruptions. To prevent this from occurring, state agencies will continuously monitor transportation fuel costs and supplies and report to the legislature. They will have the authority to pause the enforcement of the bill under certain conditions:

- Price Security: If at any time the renewable diesel price exceeds the price of petroleum diesel for a specified number of days, the law is PAUSED for 90 days.
- Supply Security: If the supply of renewable fuels available to Oregon used as alternatives to petroleum diesel is insufficient to meet anticipated demand, the law is PAUSED for one year.

These price and supply provisions GUARANTEE Oregonians that our economy will operate at a high level and lower costs while protecting our natural resources at the same time.

We have nearly three years to ensure a smooth transition from obsolete fossil diesel to fuels that can serve as a bridge to zero-emission transportation. With your political courage, we can get there.

Thank you!

Rev. Catherine E Allard