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Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Findley and Energy and Environment Committee Members,

My family and I farm in Central Oregon. I have learned a lot from listening to previous testimony and I understand that this has more implications than just mandating the use of renewable diesel. A huge corporation has asked you to pass this bill so they can use the shortage of renewable diesel as a reason to build a R D refinery on wetlands in Clatskanie, OR. There seems to be a lot of different oil stock sources for the R D refinery to use but the fuel still will gel at low temperatures. I still have not seen studies that show how much pollution is actually coming from diesel engines and if that is the only cause of asthmas and lung cancer or if there are other sources of pollution. Testimony on a different bill said forest fire smoke and particulate matter was a bigger cause of asthma and lung cancer apart from smoking. Before voting to move SB 803 out of committee I ask you to evaluate the reason to move it out of committee. Have you evaluated if the legislation, rules and regulations that are already in place is helping the environment already? Should we wait and see if R D fuels are actually available and if they will be economically viable; they have been given substantial financial incentives and still cost more than petroleum diesel. Will moving this bill out of committee cause the siting of R D refineries on environmentally fragile ground? These are just a few things to consider.

The complexity of SB 803 will make it nearly impossible to enforce. I ask you to oppose SB 803; let's see if regulations already in place will complete the intended outcome?

Thank you for reading my testimony,  
Janice Flegel