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I am in support of ELIMINATING the requirement of ending the use of diesel engine operated vehicles in the State of Oregon and the nation at large. We are not prepared to handle electric vehicles to deliver goods into Oregon. It is unfair to eliminate the use of RVs running on diesel. It will make goods in Oregon so expensive that even the rich won't be able to put food on their tables, if there is any food getting delivered. We have run a business for 38 years that relies on a diesel powered F250 to efficiently and economically provide transportation to purchase and deliver our products to sell. There is no efficient way to transport with electricity the heavy construction equipment that we sell. With all of the fees and taxes placed on us by Oregon already our bottom line has been in the red more than the black for the last few years. Oregon is getting known for being very unfriendly to businesses and this will push more employers out of the state where people will be able to use the vehicles they already have. Unemployment will climb at an amazing rate. Oregon's tax dollars will plummet without people being employed by those of us who use diesel to conduct business. Our electrical grid is not prepared to take care of the needs of businesses and I don't see any new power plants being built to help. In fact, I see Oregon eliminating dams that make the power we need. We use diesel in many areas of our lives, work and leisure. The cost to replace important equipment prohibits our way of life in all aspects. The government should not be telling us how and what to drive or use for recreation. The government in this state needs to pay attention to the education of our children because being at the bottom of the United States education rung is a travesty for Oregon.