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I am a fifth generation farmer in Linn & Lane counties, my family has been farming in the area for over 100 years. Our tractors, combines, swathers, semi trucks and service pickups all have diesel engines. The proposed legislation to register & regulate diesel engines does not make sense does not make sense for Oregon farmers & ranchers and overall is bad policy for all of Oregon.

When purchasing new or "new to us" equipment we look at the price tag and then look at how it contributes to the long term viability & sustainability of our farm. For example, our combines, the machines that harvests our crops, are newer models because they are the most important to the operation. Without the ability to bring the crop in then our farm wouldn't exist. Each time we upgrade harvest equipment the quality of emissions improve because that is the direction the industry is heading and where it has already been mandated to head.

However, our semi-trucks that barely get 5,000 to 7,000 miles on them a year, it is not sustainable for our farm to buy new trucks. It would be a poor business decision. Now if trucking were our primary operation it would make sense to "upgrade" when feasible & as the markets allowed. And again the trucking industry just like the tractor industry is already heading toward to cleaner emissions without the need for additional mandates.

When I hear the concerns of air quality or potential health problems, I have to look at the people who interact with diesel engines & emissions on a regular basis like truckers or farmers. I don't downplay that there is a potential risk involved but is it being reflected at an alarming rate in those of us that are exposed to it? My anecdotal evidence says it does not, at least in my friends & family.

Even Cancer Research sites acknowledge that risk is low to overall society. "So, in the final analysis, diesel exhaust does cause cancer [at high exposures], but the overall risk to society is low compared to other things like tobacco, excess bodyweight, and alcohol." <http://scienceblog.cancerresearchuk.org/2012/06/14/diesel-fumes-definitely-cause-cancer-should-we-be-worried/>

I urge you to oppose HB 3310 and support those of us who work hard to make sure food & fiber is available for all Oregonians.

Thank you.

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