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The Honorable Alan Olsen
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RE: Response to Senate Bill 824

Dear Senator,

My name is Joe Jenck and I wanted to address the upcoming Senate Bill 824. As an owner and operator of a dairy farm and agriculture trucking business, along with being a member of the Tillamook County Creamery Association, I see how this bill will hurt professionals' efficiency and their budgets.

My primary concern is the increased cost of retrofitting equipment to meet the standards outlined in S. 824. It will cost around \$20,000 per truck to be retrofitted. With over 188,000 diesel trucks registered in Oregon, this would mean a 3.7 billion dollar investment. This does not come close to the actual cost expected considering some trucks will need to be completely replaced due to their inability to be retrofitted. Small agricultural businesses, like my own, operate on small margins. We cannot absorb that exorbitant cost.

Another detriment is that we are working against a nationally deregulated industry. Federally, no other state has to meet this standard (except for California). We cannot compete with drivers and haulers from neighboring states that will come in and haul material. Which begs the questions: why aren't standards based off of federal standard? And, how are we promoting free trade yet enacting laws that put Oregon at a disadvantage against a global market?

If the environment and efficiency is what we are after, S. 824 does not solve the issue. Retrofitted equipment loses 10% miles per gallon—thus we are decreasing fuel efficiency and increasing the necessity for fossil fuel consumption.

I understand that most of the votes come from the metropolitan area, but there is still a significant amount of agriculture trying to survive throughout the state. I look forward to your reply expressing your opinions, and your current stance on the issue.

Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint. I would like to see legislation fail to pass.