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Dear Chair McKeown and members of the Transportation Policy Committee,

For the record my name is Ron Tyree. I am President of Tyree Oil, Inc. based in Eugene Oregon. I want to state my opposition to HB2293 with the -1 amendment, which advances the sunset date for the biodiesel tax exemption to 2018.

Tyree Oil and other Oregon small businesses have made significant investments to participate in the market created by Oregon's biodiesel tax exemption. Our company alone, invested over half a million dollars in equipment to transport biodiesel to rural areas of the state, where it was not widely available prior to the exemption's introduction in 2014. Our investment was made based on the state's assurance that the exemption would be available through 2020, giving us ample time to generate a return on our investment. Allowing this exemption to expire early weakens our investment and harms our family owned business. We strongly believe the state should honor its commitment by keeping the biodiesel tax exemption in place through 2020 as originally intended.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

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