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RE: Opposition to SB 1507 and HB 4001

We oppose the above-mentioned proposed bills, which will raise fuel prices for businesses like ours, and ask that the following considerations be shared as testimony in consideration of this matter.

- Oregon already has a Low Carbon Fuel Standard in place and it is unnecessary and costly to have two programs with the same purpose.
- Emissions reduction programs should be enacted at the federal level to avoid a patchwork of regulations that put Oregon businesses at a competitive disadvantage.
- **Oregon already has the highest operating taxes on trucks in the nation.** The Oregon legislature's **2017 Transportation Package will increase weight-mile taxes some 53% over the next few years.** This is a huge hit to our industry and will have far-reaching ramifications to the cost of operating as a business as well as resulting in pass-through costs that will emerge as higher prices for the products being sold in Oregon, many of which are agricultural and food commodities.
- This program does not adequately consider, nor weigh, the damaging impacts an additional program like this will have on the trucking industry and Oregon's economy.
- In **Tillamook**, increased fuel prices mean increases in hay and milk hauling costs for the dairy industry, resulting in lower revenue for farmers and/or increased prices for **Tillamook Cheese** products. This hurts our local and state economy.
- Oregon has not provided financial incentives to help the trucking industry move into 2007 or newer vehicles as Washington and California have done. While diesel particulate matter and NOX have been significantly reduced in newer vehicles, the technology does not exist today for zero emission heavy vehicles. With over 75% of the tons of freight moved in Oregon by the trucking industry, policy efforts should be focused on supporting new technology developments and adoption.
- Unfunded mandates and unnecessary regulatory controls do not foster a sense of cooperation between government and private industry. We all care about healthy, clean air. Let's work together to find innovative solutions.