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My name is Joe Jenck and I own with my brother and son a dairy farm and small trucking operation in Tillamook, Oregon. I'm writing with concern over HB2007 regarding truck emissions.

We have an older fleet with pre-emission engines. We do not have a local facility/shop to work on new engines. The cost involved in taking them to Portland for maintenance is quite high. As of now, we can do our own maintenance. To take a truck to Portland requires 2 people and at least 3 to 4 days of lost usage. This is very costly for a small business.

Most farmers in agriculture who own trucks do not use their trucks enough to warrant purchasing a new one and also can't afford it. In our operation, this is the case. Out of our fleet, 6 of our 10 trucks don't acquire many miles per year. The cost and idea of retrofitting the older vehicles with a filter is also not practical. If you surveyed trucking companies in California, where this is happening, you will find it doesn't work.

Margins in agriculture are very small. We have to compete with other states that don't have the same regulations you are looking at passing. You are putting me and the Tillamook County Creamery Association at a disadvantage. You've already approved the gross sales receipt tax which will affect us, don't give me another tax to contend with.

Sincerely,

Joe Jenck

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