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As a third generation farmer rancher, I am completely opposed to SB1530. My operation is a diversified beef, and sheep operation in McMinnville, with timber land. We produce all of our own hay, and need fuel to run tractors, and equipment. We go thru approx. 4000 gallons of fuel each year to feed, clean, harvest, and manage our property. At the proposed 22 cent per gallon projected additional cost of fuel, which I believe to be only the start of additional costs, not to mention the cost of replacing equipment down the road, that may not comply with the rules that I have seen, it will more than likely put this operation out of business, and or stifle growth, and or improvements to the operation. The additional cost of fuel at the projected 22 cents per gallon, would be nearly \$1000.00 per year, and fuel goes up more than it goes down in my experience. I have heard, and or read that projections of the increase in fuel costs could be as much as 72 cents per gallon. Agriculture as a rule has no way of offsetting or passing on these added costs, and the bottom line, is already low. As an example, cattle prices in 2019 were \$1.00 a Lb. less than two years ago. I see no real advantages to any part of this bill, since Oregon has one of the lowest environmental impacts of any state in the US. I am amazed at the lack of concern for the Agriculture and timber industries that provide raw materials and FOOD, to the rest of the state, and are worth millions in exported goods as well. I really see a complete disconnect from the State Leadership, with bills like this and the Gross Receipts tax that was passed last session. Even more concerning, is that certain members of the leadership, do not feel that the voters of this state, are competent enough to decide and vote Yes or No on the proposed legislation. this is a total disregard for the citizens that are paying the bill, and are being completely abused with over regulation, and over taxation with no say in the matter. I very respectfully request a No vote on this legislation and any other money and tax legislation that does not allow a vote of the people! Our State leadership has lost all common sense, and is totally abusing their power.

Sincerely,

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