

My name is Fritz Ellett and I am a farmer in Wasco County and strongly oppose the -1 amendment to HB2674. In the original bill in 2019 there was a compromise reached that was workable. HB2674-1 goes directly against the intent and spirit of that original bill and completely rewrites it to introduce new taxes that disproportionately impacts natural resource industries. At its core, the -1 amendment taxes rural Oregonians to pay for problems in the most urban areas of Oregon. It's fundamentally unfair to saddle farm and ranch families with the cost of retrofitting Portland's fleets or cleaning up Portland's airshed. Also, the reason dyed fuel isn't subject to the gas tax is that off-road equipment, by definition, doesn't use public roadways. Don't destroy the compromise created with the original HB2674 and further erode our faith in Oregon's legislative process. I ask you to vote 'NO' on the -1 amendment to HB 2674.