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On Behalf Of: Myself and the Umatilla County Farm Bureau
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB4141

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony. I reside in rural Umatilla County east of Weston, OR. My wife and I have a small forestry woodland where we raise Christmas trees and other timber. My machinery strictly uses diesel fuel. Banning diesel fuel would severely negatively impact our small operation. I also have diesel pickups and would be again hamstrung if diesel was banned. We chose to live in our rural area and opted years ago for diesel vehicles and equipment because it was clean burning, efficient and provided us with the horsepower we needed. I made the business decision to use diesel vehicles because they provided me with better fuel economy. It does not make sense to ban diesel engines when manufacturers have engineered and created very clean operating units that provide the torque and power needed for the tasks at hand. Banning diesel will cause us to shut down our enterprise, which will severely impact us economically. I encourage a NO vote on any bill that would ban diesel fuel engines. Please do not pass HB 4141. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.