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My name is Darin Dalke and I am a 4th generation row-crop and grass seed farmer located in Aumsville. Hb 4141 would be crippling to the agriculture industry in the state of Oregon. We are already at a competitive disadvantage with our location on the west coast from many of the major markets for the goods we produce. This in turn already makes our goods higher priced compared to other regions we compete against. By forcing Oregon residents to move away from affordable and abundant diesel fuel to a much more expensive and scarce fuel would essentially make agriculture in Oregon a non-viable industry. Diesel is used in every aspect of every Oregonian's life and is vital to our everyday life at this point in time. Every item we use or consume uses a diesel-powered vehicle at some point in the supply chain. From the tractors, combines, sprayers and trucks used by farmers to grow, harvest, and deliver our crops to processors. To the locomotives and trucks that are used to transport the finished products to stores diesel is involved in every aspect of our everyday lives. I urge you to not let this reckless and unnecessary bill move forward in our state.

Thank you

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