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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3158

My name is Gabrielle Whitaker and I am a farm family business owner in Marion County.

I strongly oppose the numerous taxes on working Oregonians proposed in House Bill 3158. This bill is going to negatively impact many different sectors of our Oregon economy, with the most important being the farmers who produce our food.

Family businesses, small businesses, and families have been negatively impacted by inflation, and the never ending adoption of more and more taxes.

HB 3158 taxes our tires, off-road equipment, and our off-road fuel.

This bill will really negatively impact local, small family businesses, and independently organized businesses in multiple business sectors including construction and farming.

This bill taxes small businesses, many of them in rural areas of Oregon, to pay for problems in the most urban areas of Oregon. It's fundamentally unfair to saddle our local small businesses with the cost of cleaning up the large populated cities for our state.

This bill will hurt rural and local family businesses like mine.

This is an incredible overreach and very inappropriate.

Please stop making it harder for small businesses and working people to survive during this time of crisis and recovery.

This bill is hurting the very people that grow our food and I urge you to vote 'NO' on HB 3158. It is wrong to tax small businesses, particularly during such challenging times, in order to create a mega-fund for engine retrofits and replacements in the most densely populated areas of Oregon.