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Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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This bill is very concerning for somebody like myself who runs cattle for a living and is a co-owner of an owner/operator trucking business that hauls cattle for a living.

Please take a minute to reflect on the fact that supporting this bill means that you support taxing and raising prices for those who are already working tirelessly to provide food (not to mention countless other items resulting from cattle byproducts) for our country, as well as other agricultural trades.

This bill creates unnecessary hardship for many businesses in industries that are already barely getting by. Many producers are already tight on funds due to the nature of ag-related businesses (ranching, farming, logging, etc.), so imposing higher taxes on fuel or purchases could potentially mean crippling them to the point of losing their livelihood. We need more people interested in and supporting our industries if we want our country to continue thriving, not less support and more taxes. Not to mention, many of the same people supporting this bill would like drivers and businesses running more "eco-friendly" vehicles and equipment. If these taxes are raised, it will be less likely that we upgrade our older equipment to newer, more emissions regulation-compliant machinery, as many of us will not be able to afford to.