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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2426

Dear Chari Grayber, Vice Chair Lewis, and Members of the Committee: HB 2426 is a great idea. As a person that has lived in many different states, it has always bothered me that Oregon felt it needed to limit who can safely pump gasoline. As an Oregon resident, when I travel to Washington or California, no one is rushing to the pump to fill my tank for me because I have Oregon plates. They allow me to pump my own gasoline.

As for the worker shortage, I keep seeing this at the gas stations I go to. Half of the pumps will be blocked off so that the available employees can manage the open pumps, and there are lines of people waiting, sometimes 4 – 5 cars deep. I happen to have a car that auto-shuts off, but there are still many cars idling while waiting in line, which has a negative impact on the environment.

I whole-heartedly support HB2426 and look forward to Oregon joining the other 48 states that allow people to pump their own gas, but it must not eliminate the attendant service for those that do not want to pump their own, no must there be a cost difference between the two options.

If this is working in the more rural counties, why can't we do the same for the rest of the state. If it works when temperatures are too high for the employees, why can't it work when the temperatures are lower? If it works when there is too much smoke in the air and air quality is low, why can't it work when the air quality is good?

Thank you,

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