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SB 803 will hurt working Oregonians and increase the cost of goods throughout the state.

Diesel fuel is a reliable and inexpensive form of energy, for which there is no equally effective alternative. We must do what we can to protect the trucking industry because it provides career opportunities for tens of thousands of people, including women, former felons, persons of the LGBT, persons from (potentially) impoverished backgrounds without access to higher education, persons of color, and others seeking impactful labor with above average wages.

Even if unintended, SB 803 will limit the number of eligible drivers due to the cost of new equipment; and all other costs of investment in new equipment will be passed on directly to consumers. In addition electrified vehicles are not well-rated for road travel in high numbers and will have a substantial and negative effect on road infrastructure and associated costs (due to increased weight of vehicles, causing a more progressive and expensive degradation of roads).

Without a complete subsidization of the entire Oregon trucking industry (and at immense cost to the Oregon taxpayer), SB 803 will harm those who can withstand its implications least, the most.

SB 803 is terrible for the future of Oregon's economy and will have a lasting negative effect on millions of Oregonians, our spending power, and our abilities to create or pursue adequate employment in the critical trucking industry.

- Tim McCloud