

Submitter: George Meyer

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB803

My name is George Meyer and I am a 4th generation farmer in Jefferson Oregon. I am writing you today to please oppose SB 803. All our farm equipment and trucks that transport our harvest are run on petroleum diesel. When considering purchasing farm equipment that is a major investment. We are purchasing something we believe will be using on our farm for many years to come. It is a financial undertaking and only done out of necessity. Every piece of equipment has a dedicated purpose on our farm.

Gary Halvorson, Senior VP at CHS has stated "If all the states that are proposing an LCFS (low carbon fuel standard) like California did or Washington (and now Oregon) talking about, there's just no way the U.S. farmer would grow enough soybeans to fuel that demand to create enough renewable diesel."

To give you a prospective the U.S. farmer in 2022 planted 89.9 million acres of corn and 88.3 million acres of soybeans. According to Gary, "if we're going to use more renewable diesel fuel, we have to grow disproportionately more soybeans in the U.S. because we need about 9 million more acres to fuel the new soybean crush plants of soybeans"

For example, if New York and Florida switched to diesel to renewable diesel, he said "We would consume nearly all the acres that can be farmed; they'd all switch to soybeans in the U.S. So, the math doesn't work."

Please be realistic when proposing new bills when we don't have the infrastructure to support them. Again vote NO on SB 803.

Thank you.