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I urge you to oppose SB803. Our family farm has been in business for 85 years. My husband is a 3rd generation cranberry grower on the southern Oregon coast. My son is the 4th generation to grow cranberries on our family farm. Passage of this bill will put family farms like ours out of business. You are asking "How is that possible?" Our delivery trucks are diesel. Our utility vehicles are diesel. Our tractors are diesel. The heavy equipment used to renovate and build our cranberry bogs are diesel. We do not have a piece of equipment newer than 2008 on our farm and we can not afford to replace equipment. Farming is a way of life. We don't farm to get rich. Every year we hope our crop is good enough to pay our bills.

Passage of SB803 will put an end to family farms in Oregon like ours.

Thank you for your time.