

Submitter: Dan Keeley

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB803

Hon. Committee Members:

While it is necessary to reduce our use of fossil fuels to a level that the climate can tolerate, eliminating a fuel that billions of dollars worth of equipment depends on without a backup plan is one definition of insanity. There should be a high tax on petroleum diesel with partial rebates for critical uses that cannot be economically replaced with bio diesel or electric conversion. The tax would provide the market incentive for developing alternative fuels and the partial rebate would prevent those of us dependent on fossil fuels from going broke until the alternatives are available. If the rebate is set properly there would still be an incentive for those using petroleum diesel to seek alternatives, but not a ruinous cost disadvantage in competitive markets. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.