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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to give my opposition to SB 803. I am a farmer in Marion County and the replacement of petroleum diesel with renewable diesel would create an unnecessary financial burden on my farm. We already have to absorb every new tax increase and cost that the state imposes on us because we cannot pass these costs on.

I would like to quote an article from Forbes about biodiesel. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released two of its Working Group reports at the end of last month and their short discussion of biofuels has ignited a fierce debate as to whether they're of any environmental benefit at all.

The International Institute for Sustainable Development estimates that the CO2 and climate benefits from replacing petroleum fuels with biofuels are basically zero (IISD). They claim that it would be 100 times more effective, and much less costly, to significantly reduce vehicle emissions through more stringent standards, and increase CAFE standards on all cars and trucks to over 40 miles per gallon.

I hope you consider the science behind biofuel production and do not force us into no win situation.

Thank You  
Bill Gooding