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Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment  
Measure: SB803

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
From: Diane Hodiak, Executive Director of 350 Deschutes, representing some 2000 members in Central Oregon. A nonprofit organization working on climate policy, education, and actions.

POSITION: SUPPORT only with an AMENDMENT

Now is the time for all polluters to pay their fair share of damages to our climate, health, and environment. All of us are now paying a price to health, food insecurity, cost of energy, and that will continue to worsen if we don't reduce harmful emissions. We support SB803, ONLY with an Amendment.

1. Clearly we must support actions that reduce the toxic emissions from petroleum diesel. However, we feel we must do that in a way that does not harm vulnerable communities.
2. Still, truckers, movers, and other users of petroleum should be encouraged to use cleaner fuel, drive fewer miles, or electrify.

Ample misinformation claims that SB 803 will damage our economy and ruin businesses. This seems to be a common narrative for many new emission reduction policies. In this current case, it does not accurately reflect the facts. We have found that the Clean Fuels Program, for example, has created jobs and opportunities for an insignificant price on fuel. Many also claimed this would ruin the economy. But it has not.

Laying out carbon intensity requirements is something Oregon has experience with. There are safeguards already in the bill on price.

Our concerns are the SOURCE of the Renewable Fuel, and the quantity available.

Only 13% of Renewable Diesel is derived from waste oils, the balance is all feedstock from soy, canola, and other oils. (2015, Union of Concerned Scientists)

This dominance of feedstocks is contributing to increased prices of these oils for edible purposes. The price of food is already hurting us, and especially underserved communities. We have seen this happen with the corn grown for ethanol. As more corn was grown for fuel, less is available for food and the prices have increased considerably.

Amendment : Sourcing for Renewable Diesel must be extremely limited from edible oils and feedstocks. Sourcing must rely significantly upon waste oil sources in the region, not including those that could be shipped from overseas. In the latter case, if this can be done without exceeding the carbon intensity scores, then it can be included. But this is highly unlikely since ships are heavy polluters and transport would add to the CI.

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