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Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the committee, for the record my name is Whitley Sullivan and I'm here on behalf of the Oregon Manufactured Housing Association in opposition to SB 803.

We're not only in a housing crisis, we're in a housing crisis coming off intense supply chain issues and labor shortages related to the pandemic.

One of the few industries that kept our manufactured housing factories running throughout the past few years was our trucking friends. Without their help, our five factories in Oregon would have been at risk of shutting down because we didn't have the supplies to keep building.

Supply chain disruptions should be a huge concern for everyone in this room.

Despite being very lucky to live in the United States and have almost unhindered access to everything we can possibly need, I want to take us all back to the dreaded toilet paper shortage of 2020. How did you act? Did you rush to the store and hoard TP? Or did you just buy what you needed and hoped there would be a new shipment the next time you went shopping.

For many of us, Toilet Paper was the biggest supply chain disruption we've personally experienced. But for many in our construction industry, we've been experiencing lumber shortages, window shortages, siding shortages, electrical box shortages. You name it—we've had a hard time accessing it.

When we consider a change as substantial as eliminating petroleum diesel as a resource Oregonians have access to, we need to guarantee that Renewable Diesel will not be subject to supply chain shortages. Until then, I urge you to oppose SB 803 and instead support initiatives to incentivize access to RD—not mandate it.

Thank you for your time today.