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On Behalf Of:

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Honorable Committee Members: I write in support of SB 803. The inherent danger of and damage caused by black carbon from petroleum diesel fuel is now well-known and scientifically-documented. Oregon residents and property owners suffer the consequences, particularly respiratory illnesses. The transition from dirty, polluting and public health-damaging fuels to the much-cleaner renewable diesel is being felt across our economy and SB 803 addresses the challenges of the transition by phasing-in the statutory requirements, providing for adaptation to supply/demand issues and provides for pauses in the appropriate regulatory control of price to protect consumers and suppliers as well. SB802 is a reasoned and intelligent approach to an issue which must be addressed if damages are to be mitigated and is a necessary step by the Legislature as we adjust to the realities of climate change and the need to rid the environment of toxic substances like black carbon.

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