

Chairman Dembrow, Chairman Helm, Members of the Committee

My name is Don McGinn. and I live in Haines, Oregon (Baker County). I am owner of McGinn Bros. Trucking and Managing Partner in Northwest Beef Express, 2 small trucking companies in Eastern Oregon. Together we employ 60 people.

I am writing in opposition to HB4001 and SB1507. If these bills pass it will add a minimum of \$0.16 per gallon on fuel. We average 3000 gallons a day. In one year this would add an additional \$175,000 expense to a company that had a net profit of \$250,000. I am near the Idaho border where, if this were implemented today, I could buy fuel for \$0.30 a gallon less. To remain competitive that is what I'd do and other major trucking companies would do the same. Trucks would be dispatched to only buy enough fuel to get out of Oregon and into a state where costs are lower. This will cost Oregon fuel business owners a lot of business. It will force me to go out of business or move out of state, costing rural Oregon 60 jobs in an already struggling economy. If I am to continue to compete as an Oregon business, this legislation must be stopped. I urge you to vote to OPPOSE HB2017 and SB1507. We simply cannot afford it.

Thank you

Don McGinn