

I am the 3rd generation farming our hazelnut/walnut/grass seed farm south of Hillsboro. The 4th generation has planted more hazelnuts on their farmland contiguous to ours, and 5 of our 7 grandchildren live within walking distance of our home on our family farm.

This farm was a dairy farm through 3 generations for 60+ years. We sold the cows 10 years ago and have planted hazelnuts in an attempt to keep the farm viable for the next several generations of our family. The cap on carbon emissions, requiring regulated businesses to buy down their carbon emissions would make the cost of production on our farm raise substantially. The hazelnut and walnut orchards best management practices require a lot of tractor work spraying, leveling, mowing, and harvesting. Each pass of the tractor requires fuel. In addition, every delivery truck in the distribution system requires fuel. Distribution of the finished product requires fuel. The people hired at every point from the farm to the consumer, use fuel to get to their job. Getting the inputs at the farm store to apply to the orchards requires fuel.

Every farmer in Oregon has a similar story when getting the product they raise to market. Their increased cost of production, and the increased cost of production throughout the supply chain, will raise the cost of living for every person living in the state due to this legislation. *The poor will feel that increased cost of living the most.*

We feel that this legislation is based on the faulty premise that people caused "climate change" and that people can thwart "climate change". Common sense tells us that mother nature is a force much more potent than humans. Please view this video for a professional opinion different than what you may be used to seeing. <https://www.prageru.com/videos/can-climate-models-predict-climate-change>

PLEASE DO NOT ENACT HB 4001 OR SB1507. For the future of the farming community in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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