To Whom It May Concern

We are an independently owned Carquest store in Coquille, Oregon. Here in Coos County every single one of our customers will be affected by this bill. We supply farmers and loggers with the tools they need to run their business. The increase in fuel cost alone will be the nail in the coffin for many of our customers who own their own logging trucks.

* LC 19 punishes rural families, farms, and businesses who have no alternative but to use propane to heat their homes and run their processing facilities. Rural residents will bear the full cost of the increase in the first year of the program. This disproportionately impacts rural communities.

* Many Oregon families and businesses will immediately suffer from increased natural gas rates.

* LC 19 clearly jeopardizes Oregon jobs. It includes provisions to assist workers who have been displaced or lost their job due to the cap-and-trade policy.

Legislators claim that they are protecting trade-exposed industries and working families from the negative impacts of cap-and-trade. If that is the case, why does the state reduce protections and expose these industries to unnecessary cost increases in 2024? Also, why are there still provisions to assist workers who are negatively impacted by cap-and-trade? We are adamantly opposed to this bill.

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