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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
Subject: Oppose Costly Cap-and-Trade Bill
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Dear Chair Dembrow,

Do farmers have a carbon foot print?

Farmers sequester far more carbon than they use. Farming and timber production are some of the only industries that have the opposite effect of a "foot print". Farming gives the environment a boost by sequestering carbon, which benefits the environment. Why tax those who as stewards of the land are helping to reduce the carbon load.

Farmers have a limited, if any ability to recoup any added costs of production. Additional fuel costs or higher fertilizer prices can't simply be passed to the customer. That means that any extra costs associated with cap-and-trade must be absorbed by family farms and ranches. Our family can't afford these added costs.

Propane customers receive no rate relief in the cap-and-trade bill and will face a minimum \$0.16/ gallon increase in 2022. The bill will significantly increase costs for families located outside of metropolitan areas. On our farm we use propane to keep the frost off of fruit trees blossoming in the spring and to power forklifts.

I urge you to oppose the cap-and-trade bill (LC 19). Farm families can't afford this policy, and more work needs to be done to address the concerns raised by farmers, ranchers, and loggers. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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