Dear Chair Dembrow,

farm in your district and have concerns about the cap-and-trade bill.

Oregon farmers already operate on extremely thin margins. Cap-and-trade will make our operation less competitive in the domestic and global marketplace.

Farmers have a limited 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.

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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