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

As a family farmer, I oppose HB 2020 as drafted.

Oregon's ag sector is committed to stewardship and sustainability; we are part of the solution in mitigating the effects of atmospheric CO₂.

My small family farm has voluntarily, at our own costs, adopted meaningful measures to reduce GHG emissions: solar production, efficient lighting and heating, reduced fuel usage, sustainable construction and land offsets for conservation to name a few of our efforts we continue to tackle.

Family farmers like me operate on a thin margin and all farmers are price takers. This means we have limited ability to recoup cost increases in the competitive domestic and global markets.

My family farm's three life blood commodities are Hops, Hazelnuts and Hemp. In order for these products to be marketable they must be dried. We, as many other farmers, use natural gas. If costs for natural gas are increased as projected along with other fuels we will not be able to survive. The effects will be heartbreaking.

My multi-generational family farm has successfully survived for over 150 years...but with the implementation of House Bill 2020 as drafted I do not see a future.

Please do not allow this bill to harm the livelihoods of farmers and ranchers in Oregon who feed, cloth and support our communities and the land we live on.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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