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

I farm in your district and I want to express my concerns with the cap and trade bill. My family runs a fruit orchard that already operates on thin margins. A rise in fuel costs will make it even harder for us to compete in the global market. Farmers cannot pass a rise in operation costs on to the consumer like other industries. The market is extremely competitive and the margins have been razor thin the last few years. We have had costs rise in many areas of our business while fruit prices have stayed steady or fallen. My fear is this bill will be the straw that breaks many family farms and ranches in Oregon.

My other concern is the way this bill is written it states that Oregon's DEQ will be the body implementing the taxes and fines. I am very uncomfortable with a bureaucratic agency that is unelected having that power without oversight.

Wiping out many multigenerational farms and ranches for a bill that will not help the environment in an impactful way is very shortsighted. Farmers and ranchers are true environmentalists tending and caring for their land to provide them and their families for the years to come.

We all want to do what's best for environment, farmers and ranchers do this task daily. I believe that there is a multitude of other, better options to help the environment than the implementation of this bill. A bill that has a very good chance of destroying thousands of multigenerational Oregon families.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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