

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

I urge you to oppose the cap-and-trade bill (LC 19). I work in an agricultural business in your district and have concerns about the cap-and-trade bill. Agricultural families can't afford this policy, and more work needs to be done to address the concerns raised by farmers, ranchers, and loggers.

The proposed phase-in of fuels in metropolitan areas is not a meaningful exemption for rural Oregon and will likely result in fuel price increases across the state. Both on- and off-road agricultural fuels are included in the bill and will result in significant price spikes for family farmers. Please don't pass something that fuel distributors say is unworkable.

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

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.

Propane is the primary fuel to heat homes and schools in rural communities. Propane is used by farmers and loggers to keep the frost off of fruit, heat greenhouses, dry industrial hemp and hops, and power forklifts. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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