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STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION GOALS

As a farmer, Engineer and Grange Master, I would like to comment on the proposed cap and trade legislation currently before your committee. In my opinion what doubt there was on the subject of Climate Change has been put to rest by the events in the Southern hemisphere this winter. If in fact we are causing/accelerating the climate change on display (and the odds are good that we are) this is a situation demanding our immediate attention and action. I urge the legislature to consider the following:

1. Failure to deal effectively with the situation could cost trillions of dollars, disrupt the lives of billions of people and kill millions of the poorest.
2. Oregon has a small share of the worlds people but our emissions are more than double the average per capita. Doing our part will not solve the problem outright but may lead the way to a global solution. Not doing our part leads the way to failure and is not an option.
3. Some uses of fossil fuels are necessary. We can either try to let the free market decide what those are, (cap and trade or several other schemes) or we can ration the fuel. Is a NASCAR race more important than fueling a fire engine? A road trip via RV more important than harvesting my nut crop? How will we decide and prioritize these things?
4. No one will avoid the impact of meeting this challenge. We will all have to live more simply on less money as resources are diverted to converting our economy to a sustainable, carbon neutral basis.

I think a uniform cap and trade program generating significant income for use in making our economy climate neutral would be an effective beginning, with rationing controlling non-essential uses. If that is not politically possible, a large carbon tax would be less fair but also effective. What is neither fair nor effective is a complicated program designed to inflict no pain and hide its costs behind a smoke screen of exemptions, confusion factors and typical political sweeteners. If you continue down this path we will likely be regarded by our descendants as the cowards and fools we would in fact be. It is time to stand up and argue the facts. If you think Climate change is a fantasy, lets see the evidence. If not, lets see an efficient and effective program to meet the challenge.

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