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Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I oppose LC 19 - Cap and Trade.

As a rural Oregonian, I feel like my voice continues to be discredited by our lawmakers who have decided to move forward with Cap & Trade, after it was rejected last session. I would like to bring forward the following concerns to you.

- LC 19 punishes rural families, farms, and businesses who have no alternative but to use propane to heat their homes and run their processing facilities. Rural residents will bear the full cost of the increase in the first year of the program. This disproportionately impacts rural communities. I am personally one of these rural Oregonians who relies on propane.
- Many Oregon families and businesses will immediately suffer from increased natural gas rates.
- LC 19 clearly jeopardizes Oregon jobs. It includes provisions to assist workers who have been displaced or lost their jobs due to the cap and trade policy. How is this right to move forward with a policy KNOWING it will kill jobs?
- The proposed phase in of fuels by geography is an empty exemption for rural Oregonians. Please don't pass something that fuel distributors say won't work! Under LC 19, fuel costs will increase for all Oregon families, regardless of where they live.

My family and I are part of the timber industry. Oregon's natural resource producers grow and supply sustainable and renewable food, fiber, and shelter. Oregon's crops are a major reason for Oregon's low carbon emissions. Oregon's trees will continue to cleanse the air for many decades, eventually being harvested which will provide clean renewable building products, in addition to family wage jobs. I ask that you work to encourage the work farmers and foresters do every day to improve Oregon's climate resiliency, instead of punish us through new taxes imposed on fuel.

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