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My name is Jen Hamaker, I'm a 6th generation Oregonian. Generations on my Dad's side, relied on Oregon's fishing industry. On my mothers side, generations have worked and relied on the timber and lumber industries. I have a vested interest in Oregon's natural resource industries.

Oregon's natural resource industries are committed to and rely on stewardship and sustainability; we are part of the solution. Oregon is already a leader in building one of the cleanest economies in the country. Oregon's forests sequester approximately 11 billion tons of carbon dioxide equivalents, and annually withdraw 23 million to 63 million additional tons from the atmosphere, according to the Global Warming Commission's figures. This is equivalent to all the annual emissions from the transportation, utility and industrial sectors. Support our farms and forest businesses and you wont need to levy taxes against the bery businesses who capture and sequester carbon.

LC19 will not decrease global greenhouse gas emissions, but it will reduce the viability of Oregon's homegrown businesses, and Oregon's natural resource industries and levy downstream financial impacts, specifically on rural Oregonians.

LC19 makes Oregon trucking, logging, transportation, lumber, farming, and commercial fishing, less competitive. With 80% of commodities leaving the state, it is critical that Oregon maintain a competitive edge in the global marketplace. These businesses have a limited ability to recoup added production costs. Cap-and-trade will reduce our competitiveness by levying a new layer of costs onto Oregon businesses that our counterparts in other states and parts of the world don't have.

This bill requires lengthy and costly paperwork to be filed which would cost more time and expense to businesses. When the cost to maintain and manage our farms and forests go up, some businesses must close or be forced to sell. This is not good for Oregon.

LC19 taxes important valued businesses to Oregon, such as food processing facilities and sawmills, that are critical to farmers and forest landowners. If any of these associated manufacturing businesses are lost or move out of Oregon, farmers and ranchers will have to transport their products farther. Log truck companies will haul longer routes to mills, and mills will be paying more in hauling costs associated with longer hauls and higher gas prices. Not to mention the additional release of carbon due to transportation. To compound this impact, whether transportation is by truck, rail, barge or ship, the fuel will cost more due to proposed legislation.

LC19 turns the decision-making over to the DEQ, a bureaucracy with few checks on the system. Oregons DEQ does not have a role in regulating industries in Oregon and is ill-equipped to take up protocols. I do not support provisions that give DEQ rulemaking authority over proposed offset protocols and incentive programs for the agricultural, lumber, timber, fishing, transportation, industry sectors.

LC19 also directs the Carbon Policy Office to set an auction floor price for 2021 and a schedule for the floor price to increase by a fixed percentage over inflation each calendar year. Policy decisions, such as allowance floor and ceiling prices, should not be left to the discretion of any state agency.

Similarly, LC19 gives Environmental Justice Task Force the responsibility for reviewing and recommending investments of revenues derived from this Cap and Trade Bill. This body is neither elected nor organized to provide expertise with regard to sequestration practices on Oregon's farms and forests.

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.

Many natural gas customers will see rate increases the first year of the program. These added costs will increase each year without an off-ramp for struggling businesses.

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.

Add these everyday price increases to the \$BILLIONS in new taxes that we did not get to vote on, under the Supermajority's reign, and were looking at over \$3,000/yr in additional taxes per household. Rural Oregon will be hit hard. This bill does not have balance nor enough support for our rural communities to prosper.

I urge you to oppose the cap-and-trade bill (LC 19). Oregon's Natural Resource businesses, rural communities and families can't afford this policy, and more work needs to be done to address the concerns raised by farmers, ranchers, and loggers.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jen Hamaker