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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.
- 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.
- If you knowingly pass such legislation that you know will cause a hardship on Oregon families that are still trying to make ends meet after you passed bad bills such as the corporate activity tax, you don't deserve to be classed as a representative for the people. The trickle-down effect of this tax is already starting to effect families.
- Regardless of what you believe, passing a bill that mainly affects large cities initially, does indeed affect rural Oregonians when implemented. Even if the bill claims it won't or will gradually affect the rural communities, it ends up effecting the rural businesses and families as well. I've seen this personally with the gradual increase in minimum wage that was voted down by Oregonians multiple times, but still implemented.

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. The number of trees currently in Oregon is largely because of the timber industry and their requirement to replant after harvest. I ask that you work to encourage the work farmers and foresters do every day to improve Oregon's climate resiliency, instead of punishing us through

new taxes imposed on fuel.

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