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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
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To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Bill Steele, I am the owner/winemaker at Cowhorn Vineyard & Garden in Jacksonville, Oregon. We are a certified Biodynamic as well as Organic vineyard and garden. We produce about 3,000 cases of wine annually as well as 7,000-8,000 pounds of asparagus.

There are many voices in rural Oregon supporting strong climate policy. Over [250 agriculture stakeholders have signed on in support of cap and invest legislation](#). I/we urge your leadership in passing legislation that 1) puts a limit and price on greenhouse gas emissions 2) provides incentives for climate-friendly agricultural practices, and 3) helps our communities prepare for the impacts of a changing climate.

Cap and Invest legislation is critical to ensuring that Oregon limits climate pollution and can provide resources to support agricultural practices that mitigate climate change and create resiliency in the face of climate change.

My former job was in Wall Street. As such the way I look at climate change is as follows: Let's assume I am incorrect and climate change is not real. What are we out? Maybe a few dollars and a few hours of time spent improving the climate. Let's say I am right that climate change is real – if we do the right things we save EARTH. Hmm, I would think most folks would make that trade.

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